BRAZZAVILLE (R) — Peace talks Angola and Namibia threatened to BRAZZAVILLE (R) — Peace talks Angola and Namibia threatened to stall in the home stretch Friday as Angola and Cuba dug in their heels over the sensitive issue of verification. South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha and Defence Minister Magnus Malan flew in to join the talks and tackle what botha described in Johannesburg as "new difficulties." Angolan delegation head General Antonio dos Saotos Franca told Renters the latest sticking point in the protracted negotiations was verification of the withdrawal of Cuban troops who have been helping the Angolan government in its civil war with Western backed rebels. "The South Africans want to be 100 per cent satisfied about verification... they've got nothing to do with it and we can't accept this interference, Franca said. Angola and Cuba say that venfication is a matter between themselves and the United Nations, as international guarantors of a deal which U.S. mediators hoped to see finalised this week. The main issues in the negotiations, already agreed in principle, are the independence of South African-ruled Namibia, often called Africa's last colony, and withdrawal of Cuba's 50,000 troops from Angola over 27-months. But South Africa has made clear it wants to be satisfied about effective verification of the Cuban pullout.



U.S. shuttle in orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) - Atlantis and its crew of five military astronauts rocketed into orbit Friday on a secret mission that reportedly will deploy a powerful radar satellite to spy on the Soviet Union and guide the new Stealth bomber. The shuttle blasted away from its seaside launch pad at 9:31 a.m. (1431 GMT) - with just a minute to spare in the launch window - and eiched a fiery path in the sky as it headed straight up on a northward path. On that course, the satellite to be released by the shuttle can fly over 80 per cent of the Soviet Union on its intelligence-gathering mission. "A very clean ascent for Atlantis, there were no problems eocountered on the way to orbit," said Brian Welch, the commentator at mission control in Housion. The launch had been delayed 24 hours by strong winds along the shurtle's flight path. Strong, shifting winds eight kilometres up also threatened Friday's liftoff, but weather balloon data read late in the countdown showed they were acceptable. There was described at the 31-second mark, when officials again stopped the clock briefly because of concern about weather at a trans-Atlantic landing site in Spain. Sources reported the launch had been set for 7 a.m. (1200 GMT), but it was delayed because of a minor fuel leak and by the high winds.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Pretoria frees prominent activist

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Prominent anti-apartheid activist and journalist Zwelakhe Sisulu, who has been detained without charge for two years, was released Friday and placed under tight restrictions. Sisuln, editor of the New Nation newspaper, will not be allowed to work on the publication, cannot give interviews or he in the presence of more than 10 people and must remain in the Johannesburg area, his lawyer Priscilla Jana said. Peet Bothma of the Law and Order Ministry said several other detainees also would be released Friday, but did not say how many or who they were. A source who requested anonymity said Eric Molohi, an official with the National Education Crisis Committee, also was to be freed.

India, Pakistan play down spy scandal

NEW DELHI (R) - India and Pakistan Friday appeared to be playing down the significance of New Delhi's expulsion on spying charges of Islamabad's senior defence attache. Despite strong rhetoric, neither country seemed to want the incident to sour relations as Benazir Bhutto became prime minister in Islamabad and was warmly congratulated by Indian leader Rajiv Gandhi. "We do not wish this incident in any way to cloud our relationship with Pakistan," said a Foreign Ministry spokesman in New Delbi. "The manner in which the retaliation has taken place... shows they (Pakistan) want to achieve the same thing," he added. Islamabad responded to the expulsion of attache Brigadier Zahir Ul Islam Ahbasi Thursday hy sending bome two Indian envoys. India gave Abbasi and his assistant, Mohammad Ashraf Khatib, 24 hours to leave the country after saying they had been caught red-handed buying a secret defence document from an

NATO tackles defence burden issue

BRUSSELS (AP) - The NATO allies tackled the potentially divisive issue of bow the cost of maintaining the alliance should be shared and took decisions to improve the common defence, officials said Friday. NATO defence ministers agreed at the end of a two-day meeting that "there are significant variations in the scale and nature of their contributions" hut the final statement added the cobesion between Europe and the United States remained "as firm as ever." "It is clear this is not a matter of the United States versus the rest of the alliance, this is joint alliance effort," said NATO Secretary-General Manfred Woerner, U.S. Secretary of Defence Frank Carlucci, bowever, stressed the report showed "nations are not bearing a fair share of the common defence burden," an issue that caused U.S. congressional critics to raise the prospect of withdrawing some U.S. troops from the

(1800 mg Khamenei: Constitution should be amended

NICOSIA (R) - Iranian President Ali Khamenei said Friday the constitution should be amended to spell out who had ultimate policy-making powers. The Iranian news agency IRNA quoted Khamenei as saying the constitution was silent on how to hreak deadlocks between parliament and the Guardian Council, which has the power to veto laws it considers against Islam. "There are of course some problems and ambiguities (in the constitution) that will be corrected one day," Khamenei said in a sermon at Tehran's mass Friday prayer meeting. He did not say when or how the constitution, adopted in 1979, would be amended, IRNA added.

Iran-contra figure killed in plane crash

MORELIA, Mexico (AP) - An Israeli expert who briefed U.S. Vice-President George Bush on secret arms sales to Iran died in a plane crash in a remote area of Mexico while travelling under an assumed name, officials said. The Cessna T210 crashed Wednesday at a ranch 17S kilometres west of Mexico City, killing the Israeli, Amiram Nir, 37, and the pilot. Three other passengers were badly injured, Including Adriana Stanton, 25, of Canada. Nir was travelling under the name Pat Weber, Isauro Gutierrez Fernandez, a spokesman for the Michoacan state attorney general, said Thursday. Israel's ambassador to Mexico, Dov Schmorak, said in an interview broadcast Friday on Israel's armed forces radio that he did not know why Nir was in Mexico or why he used that name.

Swiss urged to leave Lebanon

BERN (AP) - The Swiss government Friday deemed the kidnap of a Red Cross delegate in Lebanon an apparent attempt to force the release of a hijacker held in Switzerland and urged all Swiss to leave Lebanon. Edouard Brunner, the no. 2 man in the Swiss Foreign Ministry, said the all-Swiss International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) confirmed the anthenticity of a letter from its delegate Peter Winkler, in which he said his kidnap was directed against the Swiss government, not the ICRC (see page 2).

'Sino-Soviet summit likely in early '89'

MOSCOW (R) - A Sino-Soviet summit could take place in the first cted balf of next year, the official Soviet news agency TASS said Friday. In a report issued after talks here between Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen (see page 8). TASS said: "As far as a possible date is concerned for the summit, it, apparently, could take place in the first half of next year." TASS said: During the course of the talks it was pointed out that the Soviet and Chinese leaders are now thinking about holding a summit. This is considered of great importance on both sides... a meeting of such a scale demands substantial preparation.

Buenos Aires sends troops to quash revolt

BUENOS AIRES (R) - The Argentine army high command sent troops Friday to the country's largest military hase to crush a rebellion led by a right-wing colonel passed over for promotion. A terse Defence Ministry statement said: "In order to halt the illegal actions by a group installed in the infantry school, the deployment of the necessary number of troops has been ordered." The infantry school is inside the Campo de Mayo military base which was seized Friday morning by rebel soldiers refusing to recogoise the authority of army Commander-in-Chief Jose Dante Caridl and swearing allegiance to right-wing Colonel Mohammad Ali Seineldin (see page 8).

Army closes Beirut crossing

BEIRUT (Agencies) — The command of the regular Lebanese army Friday closed the only crossing between Beirut's eastern and western sectors. The closing was expected to halt traffic but not pedestrians. A statement issued by the office of army commander Michel Aoun, who beads the military cabinet in Lebanon's dual government, proclaimed the mid-city museum crossing closed indefinitely. The statement said the decision was a protest against harassment by militiamen of soldiers heading from west Beirnt to the east side. "The army closed the crossing due to increased harassment of military personnel and other civil servants on the western side of the crossing." said the statement. The closure prevents automobile traffic between the two sectors.

U.N. poised to move session to Geneva

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — Arab diplomats introduced a resolution Friday to move the General Assembly to Geneva so Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat can address the world body.

Soviet hijack

ends in Israel

Israeli police on the runway of who were described as four Rus-

Ben Gurion international airport sians and an Armenian with cri-

Friday minutes after the Soviet minal backgrounds, had large

spokesman told reporters about Soviet Union Thursday and

10 minutes after eight people traded their hostages for the

aircraft landed, an army spokes- sums of money with them.

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Five rendered a gun.

"I have a strong feeling that we might pass it tonight," Clovis assembly about the Palestioian Maksoud, the Arah League situation. ambassador, said of the resoluin the afternoon.

Soviet hijackers surrendered 10

man said.
"It's all over." the army

were seen leaving the Ilyushin-76

Army officials said that shortly

after the plane landed, two meo

and a woman came out of the

They then started brief negotia-

tions io which the hijackers sur-

The U.S. decision was a reaction scheduled to be taken up late tion to a General Assembly resolution that urged the United On Thursday night, the United States to reverse itself on Arafat States again refused a request 10 and gave it 24 hours to reply. The grant Arafat a visa to enter the resolution passed 151-2 Wednescountry. Arafat wanted to come day, with the United States and

Israel Radio said the hijackers,

The five had hijacked a school

bus with 30 children aboard in the

plane and about two millioo ru-

chief of staff, Dan Sbomron.

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grant Arafat a visa action violated international law under the U.N. beadquarters agreement. The State Department said Saturday it denied the visa be-

cause Arafat encourages and condones "terrorism" hy the PLO. Washington has said it does not object to the assembly shifting to Geneva and would participate in

Israel opposed. The resolution contended the U.S. refusal to

A U.N. report released Friday said the Geneva session would be held Dec. 13-15, and estimates the cost of the session at \$440,700.

On Thursday, bundreds of Palestinians demonstrated outside U.N. headquarters. The rally, originally intended to welcome Arafat, turned into a protest of about 400 people, with Palestinians and a few dozen anti-Zionist orthodox Jews denouncing the visa denial.

Holding anti-Zionist banners were ultra-orthodox Jews in long black coats and wide-brimmed bats, with traditional sideburn curls and beards. They oppose the concept of a Jewish "home-

Arafat has said he wants to explaio the new, moderate positioo takeo by the Palestine National Council (PNC), during its recent meeting in Algiers.

bles worth of ransom, said Israel's If the General Assembly recoovenes in Geoeva, at the European beadquarters of the world One of the Soviet crew membody, it will be the first time the bers, Flight Engineer Yuri Nikoplane and asked for a translator. lai Yermilov, told the AP that the assembly has met outside New York since the U.N. beadquarters was built io 1952.

King in London after talks in Sanaa, Cairo

LONDON (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein began a working visit to Britain Thursday after talks in Sanaa with North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh and in Cairo with Egyptian President Hosni Muharak.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the King was to meet British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and other British government leaders. It did not give details.

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His Majesty King Hussein is seen off upon his departure from Cairo Thursday hy Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and senior Egyptian officials (Petra photo)

Bhutto sworn in as premier

ISLAMABAD (Agencies) - Benazir Bhutto, following in her father's footsteps, was sworn in as prime minister of Pakistan Friday, the first woman elected to govern an Islamic country.

Radiaot in a shimmering green dress and white headscarf, she recited the oath of office as military chiefs, political foes and allies, and ber mother Nusrat and husbaod Asif watched.

But even before the 12-minute ceremony in the presidential palace, Bhutto suffered a political setback when her main rival Nawaz Sharif won power in Pakistan's biggest province

Political analysts forecast a stormy relationship between the federal authorities and the provincial government in Punjab, which has 55 million of Pakistan's 104 million people.

The glitteriog ceremony brought back bitter memories for little onge of sadness also," sl

King, Crown Prince congratulate Bhutto

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein Friday sent a cable of congratulations to Benazir Bhutto upon ber taking office as prime minister of Pakistan. The King said the outcome of the general elections in Pakistan, in which Bbutto's party woo plurality, had reaffirmed the desires of the Pakistani people. The King paid tribute the excellent state of relations between Jordan and Pakistan and expressed hope that hilateral ties would continue to grow stronger. The King expressed confidence that Bhutto would serve the Pakistani people's interest as well as the Islamic World. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan also seot a coogratulatory cable to Bhntto. The crown prince said in his cable that Bbutto's understanding of the problems of her country would belo her improve conditions and serve the country.

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. executed in was trying to control my tears, yet 1979, came to power in Decem- I was still happy because my "I am happy, but there is a

Nusrat Bbutto, whose husband told reporters. "Till yesterday I daughter had won the elections

Likud confident of forming government

mir said Friday that the Likud leader might oot be able to meet a Monday deadline for presenting new government to parliament opposition within," be said. but would form a coalition.

Spokesman Avi Pavner said the small religious parties, who hold the balance of power between the rightist Likud and the Lahour Party after inconclusive elections Nov. 1, would eventual-

ly give their support to Shamir. Labour ministers failed to fully accept a coalition agreement reached Thursday between their party negotiators and the small religious Agudat Israel party. leaving Agudat an opening to go back to the Likud.

Shamir needs a majority of 61 seats in the 120-member Knesset to form a government. An agreement with Agudat

would give Labour and its allies 60 parliamentary seats, enough to stall Shamir's attempts to form a narrow right-wiog religious coali-

Pavner said that he saw no forming a coalition with Labour. "This is all a play which will they (the religious parties) will

"I would say Labour bas oo chance to build a coalition with the religious parties because of

Three Labour ministers - including Defeoce Minister Yitzhak Rabin who was called away from the Tel Aviv meeting to deal with the hijacking of a Soviet place to Israel — did not sign the agree. ment with Agudat.

Some Labour ministers oppose Agudat Israel because it is anti-Zionist and demands a change in the definition of who may be called a Jew, to exclude those converted by non-orthodox

Agudat Israel, which has five parliamentary seats has not fully accepted the alliance with Lahour and will submit it to its Council of Torah Sages for a decision.

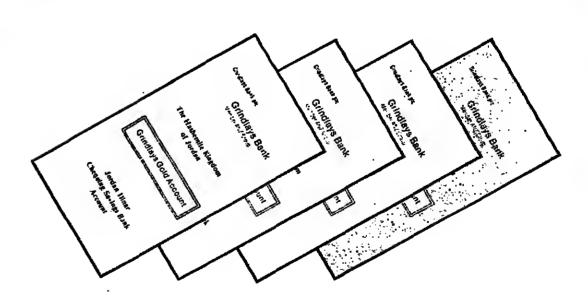
Agudat and another tiny ultraorthodox party, Degel Hatorah, said they will not give final answers to support Labour or Likud until next Monday, when chance of the religious parties Shamir must either he able to present a government to parliament or ask President Chaim take some days, but ultimately Herzog for more time to build

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Troops break up attack on Armenians in Baku

two republics.

MOSCOW (R) - Soviet troops night in at least four districts. A dispersed a crowd of about 1,500 Azeris trying to attack Armenians in Baku, capital of the southern Republic of Azerbaijan, Baku Radio reported Friday.

The attacks in the ceotre of the city were the latest upheaval in two weeks of ethnic unrest in Azerbaijan and neighbouriog Armenia in which 28 people have died and tens of thousands have' fled their homes.

At least 63 have died since the conflicts first crupted last February over the remote territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

The area is populated maioly by Armenians but administered by Azerbaijao. Baku Radio, quoting a notice by the military commander cur-

The Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry in Baku said most towns rently administering the city, said were returning to normal, though

curfew bas been imposed on Baku, the Armenian capital Yerevan and other cities in the "In the area of the railway station, a mob of up to 1,500

people attempted to beat up citizens of Armenian nationality," it quoted the commander, Colonel-General Tyagunov, as saying. In view of the measures in force, it said, troops "stopped the attempts to hooligan activities." The radio said troops fired

warning shots on five occasions, confiscated firearms and knives, detained 417 people for curfew violations and impounded 63

the disturbances occurred over-tension remained high.

Sudan cabinet endorses peace pact with rebels

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan's cabinet has approved a peace pact which could end more than five years of civil war in the south of the country, state Radio Omdurman said Thursday.

by rebel leader John Garang of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) and Mohammed Osman Al Mirghani, who heads the co-ruling national Democratic Unionist Party (DUP).

The radio gave no further details of the cabinet decision but the accord has provoked bitter required by Sudan.

"I have told Mohammad Os-Islamic Front (NIF), a junior partner in the coalition govern-

The peace pact calls for a ceasefire and a freeze on the introduetion of new Islamic laws until a constitutional conference has

Rebels in the SPLA have been fighting government forces in the south since 1983 to end what it sees as the domination of the region by the north.

An estimated three million people have fled from the area to escape the fighting and starvation caused by crop failure through drought. International relief

The accord was signed Nov. 16 efforts in the region have been severely hampered by the civil

Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi earlier told a news conference that the proposed peace agreement did not contain anything which contradicted what he called the security precautions

man Al Mirghani that the accord is a base that we can use to reach subsequent stages until the convening of a national constitutional conference." Mahdi said.

The prime minister appeared confident the pact would be approved by the coalition government and parliament, saying he would form a committee ready for a constitutional conference and another to supervise imple-

mentation of the peace accord.

Mahdi added that Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni invited him to meet Garang in Kampala but he turned down the



Sadeq Al Mahdi

The accord, signed in Addis Ababa, also called for the repeal of all military treaties between Sudan and other countries, an apparent reference to Egypt and Libya, as well as the freeze on new Islamic laws ahead of a constitutional conference, which was to be held Dec. 31.

The conference, first proposed more than three years ago, is supposed to agree on a power-sharing formula for Sudan's Muslim majority and ethnic and religious minorities in Africa's largest country.

Mahdi's Umma Party is the senior government partner with the DUP and NIF.

The prime minister told the news conference the NIF had expressed its readiness to participate in the constitutional conference despite its reservations over the southern peace agreement.

Talks between Soviets and Afghan rebels set for Taif

ISLAMABAD (Agencies) — An Afghan rebel delegation left Islamabad Friday for talks with a senior Soviet team on ending the 10-year-old war

in Afghanistan, rebel spokesmen said.
The talks will be held in the Saudi Arabian city of Taif. The three-man delegation, headed by rebel alliance leader Burbanuddin Rabbani, was flying to Jeddah via Karachi.

First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov was expected to lead the Soviet delegation, the rebels said. Moscow has neither cunfirmed nor denied that the negotiations will take place. Vorontsov, who is also Moscow's ambassador

to the Soviet-backed government in Kabul, is believed to be close to Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev, diplomats say. If the talks take place, they will be the first substantive regotiations between Moscow and the

Western-backed rebels. The Kremlin had previously refused to negotiate with the guerrillas, who likewise rejected offers of talks from the Afghan government of

President Najibullah. Last Sanday low-level delegations met io Islamabad for the first time for what Moscow said were talks on the release of Soviet soldiers held by the Mujahedeen guerrillas.

The rebel delegation was due to fly to Jeddah from Karachi Friday night and then go to Taif, which is near the Holy City of Mecca, the rebel

in Lebanon

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan's adminis-

tration has ordered all U.S.

military officers out of U.N.

peacekeeping forces patrolling

southern Lebanon, nine

months after the abduction of a

U.S. officer assigned to duties

The decision, disclosed

Thursday by senior adminis-tration officials who asked not

to be named, was attributed to

a recent internal review that

concluded the risk to U.S. sol-

diers had "simply grown too

"The situation inside Leba

non is not improving and wear-

ing a U.N. badge doesn't mean

The administration's deci-

slon affects a unit known as the

observer Group Lehanon of the

U.N. Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO).

Marine Lieutenant-Colonel

William R. Higgins, at the time

the senior U.S. officer assigned

to the group, was kidnapped

anything," said one source.

spokesman said. The talks might then begin as early as Saturday.

Rabbani currently holds the rotating chairmanship of the seven-party rebel alliance based in

The other two members were Sibghatullah Mojadidi, head of the nationalist Jabha-i-Nijat-Milli party, and Abdul Qadir Keryab, a senior official of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's radical Hezb-i-Islami group.

Rabbani was also accompanied by three aides from his Jamiat-i-Islami party. They included Ahmadzia Massoud, brother of the well-known guerrilla commander Ahmad Shah Massond, a Jamiat spokesman in Islamabad said.

"There is no specific agenda, it depends on the Soviets," the spokesman said. "This is a real progress," a Jabba spokesman

The talks would come some 10 weeks before the Soviet Union is due to complete Its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan under last April's Gene-

The rebels revenled Tuesday that the negotiations were planned.

Diplomatic sources in Islamabad said the plans were supposed to have been kept secret and expressed fears that the premature disclosure might emharrass Moscow and prompt it to postpone or even cancel them.

ICRC hostage appeals to U.S. quits **Swiss government** UNTSO BEIRUT (R) - A letter signed ICRC worker near the refugee

with the name of Red Cross hostage Peter Winkler said Friday he had heen seized in Lebanon hecause he was a Swiss citizen and appealed to the Swiss government to save his life.

Winkler, working with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in South Lebanon, was kidnapped by three masked gunmen near the 'Ain Al Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp Nov. 17.

"I was kidnapped not as a Red Cross delegate but as a Swiss citizen. My government knows what my kidnappers want from it and it has to cooperate in order to save my life." the hand-written letter, delivered to an international news agency in west Beirut, said.

There was no immediate way of authenticating the letter, which carried no date and was not accompanied by a photograph, the usual identification procedure for statements from kidnappers in Lebanon.

No claims of responsibility

camp on the outskirts of Sidon 40 kilometres south of Beirut. The ICRC withdrew its five

other Swiss employees from Sidon Nov. 24 because of the kidnapping and said it could not rule out suspending all its opera-tions in southern Lebanon. His abduction raised to 18 the

number of Westerners missing believed kidnapped in Lebanon. Most are believed held hy pro-Iranian groups seeking political concessions from the West. Some Lehanese media reports

linked Winkler's disappearance with the arrest in Switzerland of Lebanese Hussein Hariri, who hijacked un Air Afrique plane on a flight from Rome to Paris and forced it to land in Geneva in July

Hariri's trial was scheduled for November but it was postponed to allow psychiatrists to examine him further.

The letter received Friday, the first apparent communication from Winkler since his abduction, said: "I am here for more than two weeks now, and maybe I will

have been made for the abduction of the 32-year-old Swiss stay here for long time."

TEL AVIV (Agencies) - An Israeli hurled acid in the face of

Witnesses said attorney Yoram Sheftel and another woman were taken to hospital for eye injuries after the assailant, a frequent speciator at Demjanjuk's 15month trial, threw a bottle of acid

Enan, 53, leaped to his death Tuesday from the 15th floor of Jerusalem's tallest office block leaving no suicide note. Police said the jump of the former judge, who had recently joined Demtanjuk's defence teum, was a

that Jewish lawyers would defend a suspected Nazi war criminal. Demianiuk, 68, was sentenced to death in April for atrocities at Trehlinka camp in Poland during World War II.

in a hrief slatement on the assailant, police spokesman Rafi Levy told reponers: "The man, age 70, from Jerusalem, is a holocaust survivor." He said the motives were under investigation. The assailant's name was not

Reporters who covered the trial of Demjanjuk said the man was a frequent spectator at the proceedings.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Ramadan: Britain stirring trouble

KUWAIT (AP) — A senior Iraqi official accused Britain in a statement published Thursday of stirring trouble in the Gulf by spreading false information that Iraq might attack neighbouring Arab countries after the ceasefire in its eight-year war with Iran. Taha Yassin Ramadan, Iraq's first deputy premier, also predicted that his country and Kuwait soon would launch border demarcation talks to settle a 28-year-old dispute. He spoke to a group of Kuwaiti journalists who recently visited Iraq. "Reports contending that Iraq's growing military strength could pose a danger to other states in the Gulf have been circulated by sides which bear a historical grudge against Iraq and the Arabs," Ramadan said. These sides have been annoyed by Iraq's victory (in the war with Iran). They felt their interests have been injured foremostly the British interests." he said. He said the Britons, who have maintained a presence in the Gulf since World II, "behave as if they are the masters of the region. "It did not occur to them that the war will come to an end. "We know that they have sent envoys to Gulf states to warn them about Iraq."

Qadhafi expected in Tunis next week

TUNIS (R) - Libyan leader Muammar Qadbafi is expected to visit Tunisia from Dec. 8 to 10, official sources said Thursday. The visit will be his fourth to Tunisia since President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali took power in November 1987 and restored relations with neighbouring Libya a month later. The sources said the two leaders would examine progress in joint development projects and discuss steps to create a united Maghreb stretching from Libya to Mauritania. At their last meeting on a car ferry in the Mediterranean in September, Qadhafi and Ibn Ali agreed to set up a joint company to explore for oil and gas on a part of the previously disputed continental shelf in the Gulf of Gabes. In October the official Tunisian news agency said Libyan and Tunisian ministers were putting the final touches on the statutes of the proposed company.

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W. Germany arrests Palestinlan suspect

KARLSRUHE, West Germany (R) - Another suspected member of a hardline Palestinian group has been arrested in connection with bombing attacks on U.S. military trains in West Germany, the federal prosecutor's office said Thursday. Monday's arrest was the latest in a craekdown on what investigators said was the West German unit of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC). Alexander Prechtel, spokesman for the federal prosecutor's office, said the 41-year-old Palestinian was suspected of involvement in the bombing of U.S. army trains in August 1987 and last April. No one was hurt in either attack. Fourteen PFLP-GC suspects were arrested in raids across West Germany in late October on suspicion of plotting attacks on Israeli or U.S. targets.

UAE celebrates National Day

ABU DHABI (AP) - The United Arab Emirates glittered with colourful lamps in eye-catching designs Friday in celebration of the federation's 17th anniversary. Municipality officials said 1.5 million coloured light bulbs and over 400,000 UAE flags bave been placed to decorate the capital. Abu Dhabi, alone. Government and private companies tried to outdo each other with the numbers of lamps and designs. Among the impressive ones was a falcon, another a flame emblem, all drawn in blubs. Municipality officials said this year's illuminiation programme is double last year's because it was the first National Day after the Iran-Iraq ceasefire The UAE has one of the highest per capita incomes in the world, around \$20,000 per head, even though it has suffered from the sagging world oil market like other oil exporters. The federation was formed in 1971 of seven shelkdoms after the withdrawal of British colonial forces from the Gulf. Two are major oil producers. Abu Dhabi and Dubai, and two are minor producers, two. The others. Fujairah, Ajman and Umm Al Quwain, rely on aid from their neighbours. Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan, the federal president, was hosting the rulers of the six other emirates at banquet.

Rabbi compares feminists to pigs

TEL AVIV (R) - Jewish feminists in prayer shawls and skullcaps, carrying a Torah scroll, sparked furious protests from ultra-orthodox rabbis Thursday when they prayed at the Western Wall in occupied Jerusalem. "A woman carrying a Torah is like a pig at the wall." said rabbi Meir Yehuda Getz, who is in charge of the site. More than 50 women, who were in Israel to attend the first International Jewish Feminist Conference, prayed at the wall to demonstrate for women's rights to equality in the traditionally male-dominated Jewish ritual. The women, mainly from the United States and Canada, included two women rabbis from North American reform and reconstructionist movement synago-

Evren blocks law allowing headscarves

ANKARA (R) - Turkish President Kenan Evren has blocked a move to let women students on all university campuses wear headscarves signifying Islamic fundamentalism. Anatolian news agency said Thursday. A parliamentary hill, simplifying university regulations in general, would bave ended a 1986 han on women students on campus wearing scarves inspired by those seen in Iran

unless Tehran released Iraqi captives listed for an earlier ex-In a speech on Iraqi Martyrs' Day, Aziz said Iran followed a He said Iraq wanted the ICRC "Iraq will not release the re-"double-crossing means when it maining number of Iranian PoWs released less than half the num-

Baghdad accuses Tehran

unless the Iranians return those agreed on at (peace talks in) Geneva," Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz said in Baghdad.

Iran Thursday of double-crossing

it and vowed not to free any more

Iranian prisoners-of-war (PoWs)

Iran stopped the swap Sunday after only 155 Iraqis and 56 Iranians were returned in three days. Tehran blamed Baghdad for the hreakdown of the accord. under which another 190 Iraqis and 67 Iranians were to have had responded by withholding a

through in peace talks since an to go home.

LONDON (Agencies) — The hu-

man rights watchdog group

Amnesty International said

Thursday it had details of 30

political prisoners who face hang-

ing in Iran and it called for a halt

The Iranian opposition group

Mujahedcen e-Khalq, based in

Baghdad, said Tuesday that Ira-

nian authorities executed more

than 5,000 political prisoners be-

An Amnesty spokeswoman

said those who now facing the

death penalty were arrested in

believed to be prisoners of consci-

"Some were convicted of distri-

. 1980 or 1981 and many were

tween August and November in a

ernekdown on dissidents.

to such executions.

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq accused Aug. 20 ceasefire ended eight years of fighting, covers 411 Iranian and 1.158 Iraqi sick or wounded PoWs. They were to have been returned over 10 days.

of double-cross over PoWs

ber agreed with the ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross), stemming from bascless iustifications.

Iran says it failed to return 190 of an agreed 545 PoWs over the three days because they were no longer sick or wounded or had sought asylum.

Aziz said Thursday that Iraq one home.

The accord, the biggest breaknians, or 67 of the 123 scheduled

buting leaflets, others of disturb-

ing the peace at political railies.

Most were students and suppor-

ters of the banned people's Mu-

jahedeen e Khalq, sentenced to

prison terms from six months to

groups were organising a cam-

paign of letters and messages to

the Iranian government calling

for death sentences to he com-

muted and for those jailed only

for the non-violent expression of

their political heliefs to be re-

Thursday that 12,000 political

prisoners have been executed in

Iran since August, a significant

jump in the number they

Mujahedeen-e-Khalq said

Amnesty and other concerned

Amnesty appeals to Iran to halt

execution of political prisoners

five years," she said.

leased, she said.

Akram Al Witri, head of the Foreign Ministry Legal Department, told Reuters Thursday that Iraq was willing to hand over the 67 PoWs if Iran freed the 190 Iragis, whom he said were kept in Iran for false and vague reasons.

to provide documentary proof that the reasons given by Iran were accurate. An ICRC spokesman said in Geneva Monday that explana-

tions hy both countries for the breakdown of the accord were inadequate and it was negotiating with them for a resumption.

The PoWs were returned in a DC-9 plane chartered by the ICRC and shuttling hetween Tehran and Baghdad.

Iran and Iraq hold a total of about 100,000 PoWs captured

during the war.

announced earlier this week.

The latest claim came in a state-

ment from Maryam Rajavi, joint

leader of the Mujahedeen-e-

Khalq with her husband Masoud.

of the prisoners were executed in

Evin and Ouzei-Hesar prisons as

well as Gohardashi prison in the

city of Karaj, just outside

The group said the executions

were carned out under the orders

of Iranian leader Avatollah

Ruhollah Khomeini, Iran has de-

nied that thousands of political

prisoners were executed, saving

only those who had taken up

arms against the country or other

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last Feh. 17 while driving on a coastal road hetween the Lebanese city of Tyre and the border town of Naqoura. He became the ninth U.S. citizen to be seized as a hostage

in Lebanon, all apparently hy pro-Iranian groups. The administration sources said Thursday the U.S. soldiers assigned to Observer Groop

Lebanon were ordered out during the past week. "They are no longer in southern Lebanon. They've been withdrawn over the last

several days," said one source.
"It's too risky." said another official. "The risk to our people is now considered too high and we don't want them travelling inside

The U.N. organisation has an authorised strength of 299 military personnel, who are drawn from 17 nations.

Israeli throws acid at **Demjanjuk attorney**

an attorney for convicted Nazi guard John Demjanjuk Thursday at a funeral for another defence lawyer, police said.

during the burial of Dov Eitan.

mystery.

Israelis have voiced resentment

immediately released.

The assailant was seen being dragged away, covering his face with his hands.

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

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Arab Organisation for Arabian Horses founded

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) - The estabfor Arabian Horses (AOAH) has board which included representawho was also elected president of bia. Kuwait, Tunisia. Morocco the organisation's board of direc- and Syria, in addition to Jordan.

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The organisation aims to preserve Arabian horses and improve their breeds. It will coordioate Arab countries' efforts in borses throughout history. developing stocks of Arahian horses and will carry out programmes and competitions, conduct research work and promote veterinary services for horses. according to an official statement following the announcement.

Princess Alia made a speech at lishment of an Arab Organisation a meeting of the organisation's been announced here by Her tives from Egypt, the United Royal Highness Princess Alia Arah Emirates, Iraq. Saudi Ara-

> Princess Alia paid tribute to the participating countries and pointed out the Arab civilisation has been linked to thoroughbred

> Last August a constituent assembly held a meeting in Amman to discuss the setting up of the organisation, and this was followed by a show of over 100 pure bred Arabian horses from different Arab countries.

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

ROYAL DECREE: A Royal Decree was issued Thursday approving an ameoded law on investment. The amended law defines means to encourage investment in addition to the exemptions and the incentives which investors will enjoy. According to this law, the Investment Encouragement Fund will be established. This fund is entrusted with the duty of supporting and financing all the projects executed in the different regions of the Kingdom. (Petra)

MASRI MEETS ITALIAN ENVOY: Italy's new ambassador to Jordan Francesco de Curien Thursday handed Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri a copy of his credentials. De Curten succeeds Luigi Ammaduzzi who ended his tour of duty here last month after serving as Italy's ambassador to Jordan since 1986. (Petra)

INTERIOR MINISTERS BEGIN TALKS: Interior Minister Rajai Dajani has led the Jordanian delegation to the three-day sessions of the seventh meeting of the Arab interior ministers, which opened Thursday in Tunis. The Jordanian delegation includes Public Security Director General Ahdul Hadi Al Majali, [Petra]

TOUQAN MEETS TUNISIAN ENVOY: Social Development Minister Dr. Fawwaz Touqan Thursday discussed with the Tunisian ambassador in Amman bilateral relations in the field of social work.

PHARMACISTS TAKE THE OATH: Thirty pharmacists Thursday took the oath before Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh at the Professional Associations Complex. On this occasion Dr. Hamzeh delivered a speech stressing the ministry's keenness to ensure the availability of basic medicines in all medical centres. He said that the locally produced medicines have so far maintained fixed prices.

IRAQI COMMUNITY HOLDS RALLY: The Iraqi community in Jordan Thursday celebrated Martyr's Day and the elapse of seven years since the murder of Iran of Iraqi prisoners of war. Iraqi Ambassador Ghafel Jassem Hussein addressed a public rally at the embassy compound in Amman paying tribute to the martyrs who had struggled to defend the Iraqi people and Arab land and reiterated that Iraq was maintaining endeavours at all fronts and levels to establish genuine peace in the Gulf. (Petra)

TELEPHONE SERVICE OFFICES: The Telecommunicadoo Corporation (TCC) has decided to open telephooe service offices in Amman to receive applications in Greater Amman. The offices will start functioning as of Saturday. The offices will be located in Swelleh, the 8th Circle, 1be Sports City, Al Asbrafieh, and Marka. The TCC also demanded those applying for telephone subscription to submit applications to the offices in their corresponding areas and to check within two months of the application date. (Petra)

TOURIST POLICE VISIT AQABA: A delegation comprising a number of tourist police officers Thursday visited Aqaba and met with the Aqaba Region Authority secretary general who explained the role played by the authority in promoting progress in the city. The delegation then watched a film on stages of development in

Aqaba. (Petra) CHARITY BAZAAR: A charitable bazaar was held Friday at the International Community School in Amman with a number of organisations and institutions taking part. Greeting cards and gift items were put up for sale at the bazaar, whose proceeds benefit the charitable societies in Jordan.

SEMINAR ON DESERT LOCUSTS: The Karak governorate's Agriculture Department Thursday held a seminar at the Mazar Sports Club on desert locusts and means 10 fight them. The district governor discussed the role of the citizens and the mayors in combating locusts, and explained the available methods to prevent their danger on agriculture. (Petra)

JD 2.8m. collected in income tax in November

AMMAN (Petra) — The Income Tax Department announced Thursday that it collected JD 2.8 million in income tax from citizens and organisations and companies in November 1988. thus registering a JD 500,000 increase over collections made in

Department Director Salman Al Tarawneh, who made the announcement, urged citizens to avoid paying fines for delays in accodrance with income tax laws.

Tarawneh also reminded taxpayers that the department has opened new branches in various provinces of the Kingdom to facilitate the collection of income tax and to save them time and effort in paying their dues.

and various companies and organisacions to pay their dues for the a certain percentage discount on their taxes if they pay their dues.

November 1987.

Taxpayers are normally offered

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

- ☆ A plastic art exhibition by eight Jordanian artists at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundatinn.
- An exhibition on Aila, an Islamic medieval city, port of Palestine and the storehouse of Hijaz on the China Sea, at the Department of Antiquities, Registration and Research Centre. * A combined exhibit of watercolours, oils and prints including works by: Firyal Azami, Diana Shamnunki, Rima Farah, and few other artists, with a display of walt bangings by Yvone Yassine on popular Nursery Rhyme Themes at the Hotel Jordan
- Intercontinental Gallery. ★ The annual book exhibition of the Yarmouk University which
- includes academic, scientific and cultural books. An exhibition of drawings and watercolours of German Romanticism at the Fine Arts Department, the Yarmouk University.

LECTURES

- A lecture entitled "Museum in Education in Bavaria" by Dr. Manfred Vogt at the Goethe Institute - 7:00 n.
- ☆ A lecture on the use of drugs and steroids in sports by Dr.
 Ahmad Musa at Abdul Hamid Shuman Four ion 6:00

FILM

An Italian film entitled "Metello" ' ibtitled) . ' he Royal Cultural Centre.

Regent, Rifai review work of team charged with stimulating economy

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal streamlining the team's work to Highness Crown Prince Hassan. compliment that heing launched the Regent, and Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Thursday reviewed the work of a special ministerial team entrusted with stimulating the economic development process in the light of the government's recent monetary and financial re-

Prince Hassan, who earlier met of Jordan (CBJ), discussed with hand and the ministerial team the prime minister means of and the development councils on

by the development councils in Jordan, which last week concluded a meeting uoder the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein to discuss national development in the coming decade.

Prince Hassan called for close cooperation between councils with the team at the Central Bank and concerned parties on the one

He said all chaonels of communication should be opened between the private and public seciors organisations in the course of planning and executing projects.

The team, set up by the government, groups the ministers of finance, supply, planning, indus-try and trade, minister of state for Cabinet Affairs, the CBJ governor and his deputy and Prince Hassan's economic advisor.

tims or AIDS carrier cases.

The Minister of Health last

week reported the discovery of

one more AIDS carrier in Jordan

paign in its drive to fight the

WHO has reported that by

1991 over a million people were

likely to have AIDS and that

about half a million babies would

be born carrying the virus by the

At present there are most 80,000 reported cases of AIDS in

the U.S., France has 4,000 cases,

while Britain is known to have

about 2,000, according to WHO

Hamzeh said that there was no

need for worry because the

Health Ministry was doing all that

But, he added, cooperation

it cao to fight off the disease.

from the public with an ad hoc

national committee and extra

care to safeguard health were

needed in the campaign against

the dangerous disease.

early 1990s.

estimates.

'Jordan does not import blood'

from other countries and depends Thursday. on the blood donors from inside

pitals during surgical operations. The Health Ministry continues

AMMAN (J.T.) - Health Minis- ensure that they contain no AIDS the organisation about AIDS victer Zaid Hamzeh announced viruses or other diseases, the Thursday that Jordan does not minister said in a statement to purchase any amount of blood mark World AIDS Day

Jordan to provide blood to hos- the Heath Ministry was maintaining closs cooperation with the World Health Organisation to encourage citizens to donate (WHO) on means and methods blood to the blood bank and of combating the killer disease subjects all collected amounts of acquired immune deficiency synblood to very thorough tests to drome (AIDS) and reporting to

Hamzeh assured citizens that thus raising to 17 the total number of carriers of this dangerous disease. The ministry said that the new addition was a young boy who had contracted the virus through

blood transfusion but gave no other details. Over the past three years only three deaths of AIDS victims AOAS to ask Egypt were reported by the Ministry of Health which has launched an intensive public awareness cam-

to rejoin organisation AMMAN (Petra) - The Am- United Arab Emirates repre-

man-based Arab Organisation of Administrative Studies (AOAS) general assembly Thursday decided to ask Egypt to rejoin the organisation following a break of nine years which followed Cairo's signing of a peace treaty with

The decision came during the

sentative.

The assembly also endorsed a \$2.5 million budget for 1989 and a general programme for AOAS in the coming year and said that the plan provides for measures that would help promote inter-Arab economic cooperation.

The plan also provides for an increase in technical assistance to assembly's 24th meeting held under the chairmanship of Mr. Abdul Rahman Al Rishmani, the public administration affairs. less developed Arab states and

Accidents claim 6 lives in last week of October

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) - Six only 159 accidents were regpersons died and 144 others were istered causing the death of one injured in road accidents which occurred in Jordan in the last others. week of October 1988, according to a statement by the Public Security Department (PSD).

The statement said the casualties were the result of 191 acciing down-pedestrians due to as HAA. speeding, cateless driving and . The paper said that the father other violations of the traffic reg- stabbed his daughter with a knife

previous week of October when murder.

person and the injury of 143

In a separate development, Al Dustour Daily Friday reported the death of a 22-year-old woman in Jabal Nathif district of Amman, who was stabbed to death denis that mostly involved knock- . by her own father identified only

According to the statement ate death and the police who these figures register an increase arrested the man were holding an over the number of accidents that invesogation, but it gave no deoccurred in the Kingdom in the tails about the motives of the

Egyptian minister opens Jordanian trade fair

CAIRO (Petra, J.T.) Jordan's industrial and trade fair is now open in Cairo, displaying national products manufactured by 120 companies and industrial

businesses. Egyptian Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade Yusri Mustapha opened the fair at a ceremony attended by Jordan's Ambassador to Egypt Nabih Al Nimer and Egyptian government

Mustapha said that Egypt will hold its national industrial fair in Amman early next year in accordance with a bilateral agreement to help promote the sale of Egyptian products in Jordanian

immensely been developed and cooperation in agriculture, indus-try and electricity has greatly been boosted, benefitting the peoples of the two countries." Mustapha said in a speech at the opening ceremony.

The minister said his country encourages Arab and foreign investments in Egypt which now enjoys economic and political stability and offers incentives for investors.

This is the fourth Jordanian industrial fair to be held in Arab countries following those held in order promote the sale of Jordanian products, according to Ministry of Industry's Secretary "Jordanian-Egyptian trade has General Mohammad Saggaf.



French week concludes with fashion show

Children, participating in the event, performed a unique fashion of children clothes in Paris.

was drawn for two return tickets 'Amman-Paris-Amman" presented by Air France. The win-

At the beginning of the event Sunday, another lottery was

Proceeds of the event will benettl Noor Al Hussein FoundaSeminar seeks to create company to deal with organic-fertilisers

Jordan urged to speed up new environment law

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A three-day seminar to deal with the negative effects of agricultural projects on the environment ended Thursday by recommending that the government speed up work on a new environment law and calling for the creation of a specialised company to deal with the organicfertilisers (manure) to help reduce the spread of flies and other harmful insects.

The seminar which was organised by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation in cooperation with the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment reviewed working papers by different Jordanian organisations including the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature.

The participants focused attention on means of curtailing pollution and methods to apply fertiliser and the education of farmers in methods of safeguarding the en-

vironment. A statement Thursday said that the participants urged the Ministry of Agriculture to intensify its farmers' guidance campaigns on the proper use of pesticides, fertilisers and plastic materials, and

environmental studies on the negative effects of agricultural schemes on the environment as a

should be found for the various

so that minimum barm can be and Wadi Al Abiad. done to the environment and bealth. The statement recommended the establishment of a special fund to finance projects designed

lo protect the eovironment with be the main contributors to the fund which will finance research. tive Organisation (JCO) to coor- arable land and the misuse of dinate efforts with the Ministry of chemical fertilisers. Municipal and Rural Affairs and

duct research on the effects of fertilisers on soil and crops.

It also urged farmers to stop irrigating crops through sprinklers as this metbod was found to be causing damage to citrus fruits and farm workers, and causing further pollution.

The statement recommended the Ministry of Water and Irrigation to work out a comprebensive plan to deal with the treated wastewater coming out from olive oil presses and urged the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company to cooperate with Jordanian univer-It said that specifications sities to study the prospect of recycling the treated wastewater types pesticides used in Jordan from its plants at Hassa, Ruseifa

Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan Al Jabr told the seminar earlier that Jordan suffered from pollution problems resulting from the expansion in those causing most pollution to construction projects, the dumping of waste and pesticides, domestic animal enclosures, the It urged the Jordan Coopera- encroachment of the desert on

Jordanian specialists, reprethe Environment in organising sentatives of various ministries animals enclosures within the and experts from foreign contries urged the government to conduct boundaries of various towns, con attended the seminar.

Comprehensive health centre may include cancer detection facilities

ter Zaid Hamzeh Thursday ex- zeh on the society's activioes. pressed his ministry's readiness to accommodate the proposed centre for the early detection of cancer in one of the comprebeosive health centres in Amman as a first step, and disclosed the minis-

try's plans to spread such ceotres throughout the Kingdom. The minister made this statement during a meeting with administrative committee members of

AMMAN (J.T.) - Health Minis- bating Cancer, who briefed Ham-

The society is involved in spreading awareness about the disease, through health education and the establishment of early detection centres and providing assistance to cancer patients currently being treated at the Nuclear Medicine Centre at Al Bashir Hospital.

The society plans to bold the first pan-Arab conference on canthe Jordanian Society for Com- cer in Amman oext March, in

cooperation with other Arab societies for combaong cancer.

Hamzeh lauded the society's

activities, saying that they are in line with the actual role of the non-governmental organisations. He noted the important role played by the society and said that it supplements the primary bealth care services provided by

the ministry. On Wednesday Hamzeh laid the foundation stones for three bealth centres in Ma'an Governo-

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sbow including French clothes and costumes designed by a number of the most famous designers. At the end of the party, lottery

full admiration of the audience. which grouped a number of the French community members in Аттап.

drawn for the return ticket "Amman-Paris-New York, business class, and New York-Paris by the Concord plane and Paris-Amman business class. The winner was Fayez Al Qudsi from IBM com-

AMMAN (J.T.) - At the con- near were Francoise Colo and Ali The performance received the 40 covers, attached to the stub of 10 ending in

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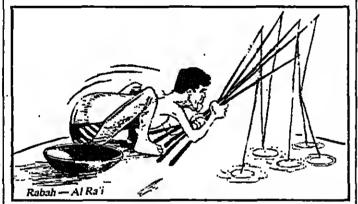
The Benazir factor

THE naming of 35-year-old Benazir Bhutto as the new prime minister of Pakistan is a victory for democracy as well as for womanhood. This double triumph has not been easy. It was achieved with relentless determination and iron will against great odds.

But this success story in Pakistan is still fraught with dangers and uncertainties as Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party strength in the newly elected National Assembly is not complete. Ms. Bhutto will have to form a coalition government with forces that might not see eye to eye with her and her party on all issnes. That is why the stakes for democracy and equality of women in Pakistan are high. All the developing countries, especially Muslim nations, are clearly keeping close watch over the new Pakistani experiment in democracy with a young woman at the helm of this fresh experience. Indeed, the whole international community join the Pakistani people in pinning great hopes on the new Pakistani leader.

Although youthful and fresh, Benazir Bhutto is also very mature and seasoned by the many trials and tribulations she has experienced since her father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was executed in 1979. Above all, she has been transformed from a bitter and angry woman into a stateswoman of national reconciliation. How well she succeed in achieving reconciliation in her fragile country will determine her political future. Her success in the immediate and long-range future would be a cause for joy throughout the Muslim World.

First and foremost, her perseverance and political triumphs would substantiate the "proposition that the developing Muslim nations are as capable of coming of age as countries with other religions and ideologies. Seen from this perspective. all Muslim faithfuls must join in one common prayer and wish Benazir Bhutto continuous triumphs for the sake of her nation as well as for the sake of the rest of the Muslim World.



ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i Daily on Friday discussed the coming meeting in Rhodes hy the leaders of the European Community nations who are bound to tackle the Middle East question and Washington's decision to har PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat from entering the U.S. 10 address the U.N. General Assembly. These nations statement, issued Thursday, which considered the proclamation of the Palestine state as a constructive step towards the convening of an international peace conference on the Middle East has also demanded that the U.S. and Israel respond favourably to the PLO's hid for peace, the paper noted. It said that such statement and any future moves in this direction should be regarded as a kind of pressure on Washington and Tel Aviv to ahandon their previous attitudes towards the projected conference. This statement is also a clear indication that the European Community plans to take other steps towards resolving the Middle East problem, the paper added. This European stand, the paper said, is a source of satisfaction for the Arab Nation which hopes that European leaders will exert further pressure on Israel and the United States to make positive moves towards a genuine and lasting peace in the Middle East.

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily discusses the huge amounts of hard currency which Jordan spends every year on importing European fashion clothes and asks if it is right to consider refrigerators as luxury goods hanned from the list of Jordanian imports while continuing to purchase clothes that could be made locally. Salah Abdul Samad also questions the wisdom behind the fashion shows that are being held here now and then to display the latest fashions from Europe and other countries of the world and stresses that refrigerators and not the latest models should be considered as basic commodities for Jordanian families. Indeed the cost of imported dresses sometimes exceed that which is paid for refrigerators which last for generations while dresses have a short life and models keep changing one year after another the writer continues. "What I mean to say is that it is good that we curtailed the purchase of refrigerators and other imported commodities." but, he adds, "we should take a serious look at luxury commodities that we can do without and for which Jordanians can find a substitute in Jordan itself."

Al Dustour daily wrote about King Hussein's visit to Egypt and the talks he held with President Hosni Muharak. King Hussein has once again reiterated that the Palestine issue remains the focus of world attention and the positive and constructive stand of the PLO has been deeply appreciated by all nations of the world. the paper noted. It said that this favourable situation has come about as a result of the intensive Arab efforts backing the PLO stand and the recent Algiers proclamation by the Palestine National Council. There is no doubt that King Hussein's relentless efforts on all fronts and his endeavours to consolidate the Arab Nation's stand have contributed to winning over many nations' support for our Arab cause, the paper noted. It said that the King's continued consultations with Arab leaders and his current visits abroad are also bound to add further momentum to the PLO's drive to achieve peace and regain the usurped lands

U.S. allies look for fresh Mideast start from Bush

By Patrick Worsnip

LONDON - America's allies. exasperated by a U.S. decision to refuse a visa to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, are still looking to a fresh start in the Middle East by President-elect George Bush.

Western diplomats say.
But they warned that this would be made more difficult if the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Arab countries toughened their position when the U.N. debate that Arafat was due to address goes ahead.

The Palesunian leader was denied a visa at the weekend to speak Thursday at the General Assembly in New York, on the grounds that the PLO posed a terrorist threat to Americans.

"It's very much a personal decision by (Secretary of State George) Shultz," a West European diplomat commented. "To that extent the damage can be confined to him and the outgoing administration.

"The hope is that the Middle East peace process will resume under a new administration in the an independent state which more new year," he added. than 50 countries have recog-

The Bush team will take over from the Ronald Reagan administration on Jan. 20.

Israel, has been greeted with dismay almost everywhere else. Some of Washington's principal European allies, including France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Denmark, have voiced astonishment.

The harshest European reaction saw the move as a deliberate attempt by a dying administration to tie the hands of the Bush team and frustrate a new diplomatic offensive by the PLO.

The aim, the influential French newspaper Le Monde said, was "to render a last service to Israel. and attempt to slow, if not block any further development of American policy in the Middle East." The visa row comes after an effort by the PLO at a meeting in

start Middle East negotiations by adopting a more flexible line towards Israel. The Palestine National Council (PNC) endorsed U.N. Security Council Resolution 242, which implicitly acknowledges Israel's right to exist, and also declared

Algiers earlier this month to kick-

were encouraged by these moves but Washington said they did not go far enough and that the PLO

West European officials took heart from the fact that Bush and his aides were not consulted over the visa decision, although Bush. as vice-president, was informed.

bad not totally "abandoned vio-

bloody grateful they weren't con-sulted," one official said. But diplomats and experts said

much would depend on the tone European Community states of the General Assembly debate.

port could end in a political plur-

alism which differs fundamentally

from a superficial multi-party

only way which will determine at

the end of the day if there can be

other parties and other program-

mes which can really be accepted

The chairman of the congress

and head of the FLN secretariat,

Abdelhamid Mehri, told repor-

ters on Monday the party's prior-

ity was to try out the idea of

bringing different views into the

The FLN is expected to hold an

extraordinary congress within a

year or two to follow up the

process of reform, Mehri added. Congresses are usually held every

party before looking at any multi-

Popular mobilisation...is the

system...

outside the FLN.

party system.

when it was held. Arab delegates at the U.N. are-

trying either to get the U.S. decision reversed - ao effort most analysts said was doomed to failure - or to have the debate held in Geneva where Arafat could address it, possibly in mid-December. U.N. officials said vice-president, was informed. Tuesday a mid-December Gene-"I should think they were va debate was the most likely

> The analysts said the PLO chief stood to gain from the visa furore, at least in the short term. since his U.N. speech was likely

course.

to be received with more attention and sympathy by the world community.

But they said harsh anti-American rhetoric from the Arabs at the session could make it more difficult for Bush to offer any olive branch in future. This would enable PLO hard-

liners opposed to a peace settlement to exploit ambiguities in the PNC resolutions and force Aratat himself to backtrack. "Possibly the greater danger is

that Arafat's enemies will reinterpret the Algiers decisions to

suit themselves, and that something will be said from the Palestioian side which will make thiogs very difficult," said Christopher Gandy, a British writer on the Middle East.

This could mean the squandering of a unique opportunity, with the PLO moving towards com-promise, and a change of U.S.

administration with an incoming president familiar with the Middle East and some of the players involved, analysts said.

to had pledged to oust Zia and

restore democracy to Pakistan.

lawmakers and foreign ambassa-

dors attended the ceremony in

the presidency, a modern build-

ing between the Senate and

National Assembly in the federal

singing it, Bhutto received an

After reciting the oath and

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capital of Islamabad.

About 300 Pakistani officials,

Algerian president pushes through reform programme

By Jonathan Wright Reulet

ALGIERS - Algerian President multi-party system.

The programme opeos the National Liberation Front (FLN) to a variety of opinions and allows independents to stand for parliament.

Its adoption is a radicali change for a party which has monopolised power and imposed conformity for the last quarter of

als. Chadli had to strike a balance between an Aigerian public impa tiens for change and party hardliners reluctant to renounce a

preparatory meetings hut by the time the 5.000 delegates gathered in Algiers last Sunday, Chadli's reformist camp had outflanked a disorganised backbench revolt.

At one stage there was speculation that Chadli might have to make a tactical offer to resign. But on Monday evening his nomination as party leader and automatically sole candidate in next month's presidential elec-

The party newspaper El Moudjahid described the changes as "a profound political reform which would lead to transformations at all levels of power."

overnight."

Cherif Messaadia, number two in the party until Chadli sacked him in October, former Prime Minis-Ier Abdelhamid Brahimi and most of the military leadership. Algerians in the street were

state and the people at the top pull at the strings," hank clerk Ahmed Saidi said.

looting and arson. Economic hardships sparked off the rioting, but analysts said the FLN, one of the main targets, had contributed to discontent by losing touch with the Algerian

end the unrest. It was the FLN which led the war against French colonial rule from 1954 until independence in 1962 and for the next 26 years it lived largely on its laurels as the movement which liberated the

Its austere. Socialist economic policies left little room for private enterprise and billions of dollars in oil and gas revenue went to waste on overmanned heavy industries which never ran at a

FLN officials say the main

thrust of Chadli's reforms is to rank and file with popular sup-

take the party back to its pre-

iodependence status as a broad

front grouping diverse opinions

instead of the monolithic institu-

The congress document ex-

plaining the new criteria for party

membership are not yet available

hut Chadli repeated on Monday

evening an offer to let in anyone

who was sincere and patriotic.

A resume of the political re-

solutions published in El Moud-

jahid on Tuesday suggested an

ambiguous and possibly still con-

tentious attitude towards an

no way be granted to groups

whose only aim is the power and

privileges which a superficial

democracy would give them," read one of the main resolutions.

Council, on Nov. 14.

Later, however, it conceded

table and stody war no more.

that "political action led by the five years."

The voice of a friend

The following is a letter sent by the Rev. Jesse Jackson to Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh, the president of the Palestine National

COMMEND the decision of the Palestine National Council to

ratify a new political programme. This undeniably enhances the

role of the Palestinian people in the international peace process. It

is an essential link in the peace process.

Your acceptance of U.N. Resolution 242, your recognition of

Israel, and your renunciation of the use of terrorism, represent a

maturity of judgment that people of good will everywhere

concerned with peace in the Middle East are inspired to support.

government should embrace are encouraged by this most recent

We here in the United States working for a peace policy that our

I have long supported a mutual recognition policy that affirms

the Palestinian right to self-determination and statehood and the

right of Israel to security within internationally recognised

borders. At the heart of peace is justice: mutual security, mutual

recognition and respect. I hope this political and diplomatic

initiative will receive a reciprocal response and hasten the day of

peace, when Israelis and Palestinians will sit around a common

I urge you to remain committed to the principle of lasting peace

world community shares the vision of a day when the children of

Palestine and the children of Israel will live in peace together.

'A multi-party system can in

eventual multi-party system.

tion it later became.

Chadli Benjedid has had his way at a congress of the country's ruling party, pushing through a programme of political reforms which could eventually lead to a

In pushing through his propos-

dominant position.

Opposition 10 the changes came out ioto the open during

uons went through smoothly.

"There were a few hitches along the way which might have thrown the wagon off the tracks." one diplomat said. "But all in all he got what he wanted."

Algeria analyst Farid Trabulsi said it was a revolution for the FLN but, he noted. "the old guard are still there and the party structure is not going to disappear

Those who have survived a partial purge include Mohammad

sceptical that much would change quickly. "It is still a one-party

The pressure for reform mounted in October after tens of thousands of disaffected youngsters took to the streets of Algeria's main cities on a rampage of

public. At least 161 people died when troops were called out to

country.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE Soviet hijack | Bhutto sworn in as premier

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five "wanted to fly out of the Soviet Union. That's why they kidnapped the hus with the chil-

Police Minister Chaim Bar-Lev said the fate of the hijackers, whose extradition the Soviet Union has requested, would be decided in consultation with the

foreign ministry. Security sources described the hijackers as "criminals, not ter-

rorists. Asked if the gunmen were Jewish. Bar-Lev told reporters: "They did not identify themselves but I don't think they came here | limited civilian government he-

for Zionist reasons. The drama began Thursday August. when the assailants hijacked a hus carrying schoolchildren and teachers in the southern Russian. city of Ordzhonikidze and demanded to be flown out of the Soviet Union, officials in Moscow

"To save the teachers and children on this bus, a decision was taken to provide a plane to the handits," Albert Vlasov, head of the official Soviet news agency

Novosti, told reporters. The hostages were released after Soviet authorities provided the plane from the state airline Acroflot.

The Soviet news agency TASS said that while negotiations were conducted between Soviet authorities and the hijackers, the crew had been handeuffed at the hijackers' demand.

Communist Party sources in Ordzhonikidze said they did not believe the seizure of the plane was connected with the ethnic unrest that has rocked Armenia and the neighbouring Republic of Azerbaijan for much of this year.

It was apparently the first time the Kremlin, normally tough with hijackers, had provided a plane to people demanding to leave the through negotiation and mutual recognition, confident that the country. Political analysts said it showed Moscow was placing new emphasis on saving hostages' lives in such situations.

(Continued from page 1) Since her father's death, Bhut-

and was going to be prime

minister. "It feels great." Bhutto told eporters after the ceremony. "It a very moving experience.

She became the first popularly elected government leader in Pakistan since her father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, came to power in

Bhutto was overthrown by Mohammad Zia Ul Haq in a 1977 military coup and hanged two

yerars later. Zia ruled eight years under martial law and three years with a fore he died in a plane crash last

extended round of muffled applause that was drowned out when members of her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) rose and cheered "Boutto lives,"
Bhutto's government must still

pass a confidence vote in the National Assembly within 60 days

King Hussein in London

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The King's talks with Mubarak dealt with current Arah affairs and bilateral relations, Petra said.

The agency quoted the King as expressing deep satisfaction with the general Arab situation and the outcome of talks with Arab leaders during his recent visits to Arab capitals. The talks, be said, dealt with questions of common concern as well as means to end misunderstanding among Arab govern-

King Hussein told reporters in Cairo world support for the Palestinian cause was growing.

Most people backed "the responsible Palestinian attitude." adopted by the Palestine National Council (PNC) this month in Algiers, the King

"The Palestinian problem now commands the attention of the whole world after the historic decisions taken at the meeting of the Palestine National Council under the leadership of the PLO tPalestine Liberatioo Organisation), the sole legitimate representative of the

"I believe that right will triumph judging from the world wide welcome given to the responsible Palestinian stance," King Hussein said.

Palestinian people," the King

The process, he said, will cootinue until a just and honourable peace has been established and until the rights of the Palestinian people have been

Mubarak said Egypt's coordination with Jordan would contione since it is directed towards serving the Arab Nation's interests.

Mubarak said he had sent messages to U.S. president and secretary of state dealing with an entry visa to the United States for PLO Chairman Yasser Armfat.

Asked whether he had plans to visit the United States after President-elect George Bush's inaoguration, Jan. 20, Mobarak said: "f believe it is very early to

talk about this. And such a visit

depends on an invitation being

The anatomic solution.

RADO DiaStar



A model student gets a prize

By Ma'moun Arar Special to the Jordan Times

FAHD A. Salameh, a postgraduate student in English Literiture at the University of Jordan, in employee in Radio Jordan, a nember of The Friendship Asso-jation for the Blind, and father o a three-year-old Rawan and me-year-old Ribal. He was iwarded the first prize by the 3ntish Council in Amman for the ssay he submitted on the relerance of T.S. Eliot, organised in o-operation with the three lordanian universines.

After the celebration was over, met Salameb and talked to him about many different matters. He icemed calm, self-possessed. frank and confident. His characer remained unaffected or possbly even strengtbened by his visual bandicap. But what impressed me most, was the deep and that gravitude he paid to so many from the people in almost every activity he will make practised, never claiming all for aid Chris his personal efforts. The followh water his personal errors. The total Christing is the transcript of the inter-

Q: Could you give us a resume an the so of your award winning essay?

A. You know, sir, that an essay pponume A. You know, sir, the creative g lowest depends more on the creative toward ability than on bookish material. change of My essay basically held one idea. th an in that is, the relevance of T. S. Eliot, the person, the dramatist, te of the critic, poet and thinker to our is said present age. The essay was not a criocal appreciation of any of Eliot's literary works, but rather, a very general survey, linking them with our age.

Q. How were you spurred to join in this compenition, knowing that your thesis is Conrad and Kipling, not Eliot?

A. I must admit that my cipation came as a direct response A. I must admit that my parti-



Fahd A. Salameh, his wife Muzayyan, daughter Rawan and son

to the request made in the announcement which I was first made aware of by Professor Mohammed Shaheen, Chairman of the English Department and who happens to be the supervisor of my thesis. To my professor I owe the gratitude for encouragement and his confidence in my literary competence.

Q. Mr. Salameh, how did you feel when you learned that your essay won the first prize?

A. It was gratifying. Nonetheless, if you would allow me, sir, to pay tribute to those who deserve it: on behalf of my winning colleagues and myself, our deepest grautude and appreciation go to Her Majesty Queen Noor for her generous patronage of the celehration, and the great interest and evaluation we felt on Her Majesty's part for literature in general and our modest contributions in particular. A special tribute I would like to pay to both His Highness Prince Raad and Her Highness Princess Majedah for the great care and warm

affection both showed to my wife

and myself in particular; and the incessant efforts both make to enable handicapped people lead a decent life as partners in our Jordanian family. We also express our thanks to His Excellency, the British Ambassador in Jordan for the cordial and friendly feelings. We are obliged to all the members and staff of the British Council and the Jordanian universities for organising this

Q. Mr. Salameh, you are pursuing your studies at the University of Jordan, and you are a member of The Friendship Association for the Blind. Dn you use an Optacon (a reading machine for the blind) in reading textbooks, since the Association has received a number of sets this

competition and for honouring

mc with this prize.

A. In fact, The Friendship Association for the Blind received about seven sets of Optacons, one from His Excellency the British Ambassador in Jordan. Five of these sets are distri-

buted among five blind men and women, and the remaining two are kept for training other blind people at the headquarters of the Association.

Q. I see. Have you received training on the Optacon?

A. No.
Q. How do you solve your reading problems, then?

A. I receive some braille textbooks from the Students' Braille Library in London, and there are several volunteers who record for me the books I need.

Q. I expect your volunteers are students at the university, aren't

A. Well, I must admit that the number of students at the university who can read English well and have sufficient time to volunteer are quite few. In this respect, I should thank one specific young lady who graduated this year from the University of Jordan, Miss Rana Al Safadi who was of great help during the last years. But the bulk of the volunteers are not from the university. Through the Friendship Association for The Blind, an honourable Canadian lady and an honourable Indian one vulunteered, and continue to volunteer. They have recorded countless books for me, and to them I owe any success or progress I expect to make in my

Mr. Fahd Salameh works at the news department in Radio Jordan, plays chess, and the piano as hobbies and leads a happy family life with his wife Muzayyan and his daughter Rawan and son Ri'bal. His ambitions are many, but the first and foremost is to become one day a literary figure. We hope, one day, to make the interview with the then outstanding literary figure, Fahd A.



To be hungry in Africa

By Rory Channing Remer

NAIROBI — Refugees fleeing famine and civil war in Africa make headlines, but hunger also takes a grim, if less visible, toll in the shanty towns, slums and remote peasant smallholdings of the world's poorest continent.

As night falls nearly 100 million people, one in every five of the population, go to sleep without full bellies in sub-Saharan Africa.

Every fifth child in the region dies before his fifth birthday for want of better diet, immunisation and health care.

"Hunger in Africa is a huge, intractable problem," the World Bank said in a report released

here recently urging new action to ease Africa's hunger pangs. Yet, it cautions, it will take many years to dent the problem.

which is aggravated by the hefty foreign debt, poverty, war and crop damage caused in turn by drought, floods and locust pla-"There are no quick fixes, no

easy answers, no simple shortcuts," the Bank said in its report cailed "The Challenge of Hunger in Africa - a Call to Action.

It proposed concerted efforts on national programmes to promote food security, and priority for projects and policies that raise the meagre incomes of the nungry and curb swings in food prices and supplies.

then institutional management to tackle the problem, better use of food aid and more systematic efforts to identify people at risk.

None of these ideas is new, noted World Bank President Barher Conable in the report's fore-"What is new is that this report

calls for a partnership to he formed among donors, non-governmental organisations and African governments to support comprehensive policies and programmes for food security." he declared.

World Bank figures paint a grim picture of the struggle for survival in countries south of the

- Only nne-quarter of people living in the countryside, which is home to seven-tenths of Africans, and less than two-thirds of those in the towns and cities, have safe drinking water,

- In 1981, even before African economies took a marked turn for the worse, there was only one doctor for every 25,000 people compared with one for every 550 in industrialised nations.

- Individual incomes have slumped by one-fifth in the 1980s. - For nearly 20 years food growth of sub-Saharan Africa's the turn of the century.

To close the gap the region would have to boost food output by four per cent a year, or double what is has managed recently.

"At no time in history has any group of nations faced the challenge of increasing incomes and achieving food security in a situation of such rapid population growth," the review said.

The real problem, it said, is

It also urged steps to streng- that African countries have failed to grow enough food or to generate enough revenue to buy supplies from the well-stocked world marker, and that poor households can't afford to buy or produce adequate food.

> More than half the people in sub-Saharan Africa who can't obtain or afford enough food live in seven countries — Ethiopia, Zaire, Uganda, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania and Kenya.

> In the first four of these countries, along with Chad, Zambia and Somalia, more than fourtenths of the populace does not get enough to eat.

The Bank diagnoses the deficiency as sometimes chronic and sometimes transitory.

Symptoms of the former are a persistently inadequate diet resulting from an inability to get food by any means — such as producing, buying, bartering or

The latter reflects a temporary squeeze on a household's access to food because of unaffordable prices, or erratic output or in-

Governments, media and donors pay much attention to this sort of deprivation, caused by production has lagged behind the sudden disruptions in food supplies, because shortages trigger rapidly swelling population, currently 500 million people and expected to exceed 700 million by rammes, the report noted.

> "In the process many of the chronically food-insecure may be pushed over the edge to starvation, fleeing their homes and descending on cities and refugee

"These dramatic migrations are newsworthy, unlike the slow grind of chronic food insecurity practically invisible to the untrained observer," it added.

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By Randi Henderson

f her Pat KENSINGTON, Md. — Baby PPP) ne talkers, says Nan Bernstein Ratmen ms goo-goo's and gaa-gaa's and all the other sounds that they make within that babies that sound silly but feel

Go ahead, have those little conversations with your baby, says the University of Maryland assistant professor of linguistics entained and speech pathology. Repeat the words, elevate your pitch, speak in italies and exclamation points. iai right You may not know it, but what ng Iron you are doing is teaching the baby ome girt to talk.

iussein se As a student of baby talk — he said what she calls "a very respectable he san area of inquiry in the field of child Just and language development," Ratner, is been 35, finds her work little underhe rights stood by the public.

"The public either thinks these things are self-evident or they Espiso think it's ridiculous," she exit is distribution in the floor of the living room of her Kensington the Arab home while her children, 10month-old Adam and 3-year-old Jamie provided constant dis-

president tractions dealing. She finds herself battling, for the is example, no less an authority hairma than Miss Manners, columnist Judith Martin, who had this to he had say about baby talk in her 1984 d sage book. Miss Manners Guide ro eorge Rearing Perfect Children.

"Baby talk, as the affliction of practically everyone who comes ven et into contact with a baby, even ad sud! one that doesn't articulate at all yet, is as illogical as it is irresisti-ble... The bousehold that gives in to it is doing the child a serious disservice. Eventually he will find nut that word such as "oo" are not on the college entrance examinations, and be will have to learn a second language...'

Such an attitude couldn't be further from the truth, Ratner insists. For she belives that just as babies are born with an innate capacity to learn language, adults and older children - have an instinctive gift to teach language. "Human beings are born as

nurturing creatures," she said. "Why shouldn't it be inborn in us as well to use different kinds of language with babies, to be sensitive to their undeveloped language abilities and to help them

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learn language?"

"It's much more complicated than meets the eye," Ratner said. When people hear baby talk, they hear something that is "almost embarrassingly cute. They hear the funny intonation contour, they hear the funny little words like 'tummy' or 'ickypoo." And that's what they think baby talk is in its entirety.

"But speech to children is like a whole language. There's much more to it than simply its intonation and its vocabulary. It has its own syntax, its own grammar. There are specific ways in which adults put sentences together for kids. They use very short sentences, they repeat themselves a lot, they paraphrase."

In the scientific-academic world baby talk is called childdirected speech or "motherese," a name that Ratner believes is "sort of unfair" because fathers and other relatives and caretakers also use baby talk. Baby talk is used in some form in every culture that has ever been studied, clear evidence of its intrinsic value, Ratner believes.

Coming from a background of work with speech-impaired children. Ratner became interested in baby talk while a doctoral student at Boston University.

"There's so much to learn and they do it so quickly," she said. "I think it's very fascinating. Take a baby, starts talking at the age of I or later, by age 4 most kids sound wonderful. So in three years they learn a whole language.

Older folks, she pointed out, don't learn quite so quickly. "We all took languages in high school and college, and in three years basically we learned enough to stumble through telling people our luggage was lost at the air-

Adults manage to understand each other. But when she read those studies Dr. Ratner wondered, "if adult speech to children is 50 per cent lousy, 50 per cent degraded, and kids don't bave vocabulary yet, they don't have grammar yet, how the heck do they ever figure out how to talk? And the obvious hypothesis was that adult speech to kids in much clearer.

She proved that hypothesis with her doctoral studies, in which she computer-analysed parents' recorded conversations



experts say. with babies, studying intonation, observation: fathers, she found, dren."

pitch, vocabulary, syntax, grammar. Each aspect seems to have its own function. Intonation, for example, the lilting, melodic tone that adults often use in talking to babies, serves to get the baby

Those studies led to another

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That leads to a theory, Ratner said, "about fathers as a bridge between mothers and the outside world," a theory that is under investigation by linguists and could have implications in fatherless homes - Los Angeles

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Free up commerce, GATT demands

GENEVA (Agencies) — The world trade body GATT warned Friday, ahead of global trade talks opening Monday in Montreal, that it was more important than ever to reduce trade barriers.

among economies, the costs of ill-conceived trade policies is developed and developing countries will continue rising," the secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). said in a trade review.

.Major trading blocs and nations have fired increasingly hostile rhetoric at each other as they jockey for position at the are not in total agreement, but Montreal ministerial talks, a mid-term meeting to advance the four-year Uruguay Round of " trade negotiations.

But the GATT report emphasised the oeed for the Uruguay Round, launched in 1986, to make progress in reaching agreement to cut protection worldwide

The result will be higher long-term economic growth. This is precisely what is need to deal with the challenges posed by technological innovation and worldwide demographic trends."

it said. The workforces in developing countries would probably grow by 55 per cens, or 600 million people, between 1990 and 2010. The addition would be nearly as large as the entire current populations of North America and Wes-

tem Europe. Combined with technological change, such population trends are likely to affect the relative competitiveness of a broad range of industries - and it is important to have free trade to adjust.

to the changes, the report said. To cope with their increased populations, developing countries would have to mobilise domestic savings, implement realistic exchange rates, reform their trade rules and push for better global trade policies, the GATT report added.

Japanese pledge global trade policy cooperation

Meanwhile. Japan has assured President Ronald Reagan that to expand free trade it would coordinate policy with the United States at next week's global trade talks in Montreal, n Japanese official says.

Reagan emphasised to Japanese Foreign Minister Yousuke Uno during a meeting Thursday at the White House that both countries needed to work together to ensure a suc- (we are) exposed as rather nega-

troversial proposal for a mini-

mum oil price of \$15 a barrel was

aimed at preventing poces slipping and was "misunderstood" by

OPEC members, an oil industry

adverse reaction of some of the

other member countries" wheo

the Saudi proposal was unveiled at a 12-day OPEC meeting in

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"With the growing linkages cessful outcome to the trade talks, an Uno aide told reporters.

Uno, who heads the Japanese delegation to Montreal, told Reagan that in order to promote free trade, he would coordinate with the United States during the Montreal talks, said the aide, Japanese foreign ministry official Yukio Okamoto.

Japao aod the United States members of Uno's delegation said the two nations' positions

overlap more than they differ. Uno aod U.S. Trade Represectative Clayton Yeutter agreed that the success of the Uruguay Round of trade talks "is very important for the two countries in sustaining the free trade system." said Motoji Yahunaka, director of the foreign ministry's Second North American Division.

'To give momentum to the negodations, they... agreed to work together because according also to Mr. Yeurter in most of the positions of Japan and the United States, we share a lot ... so naturally we should closely work together in the coming midterm review." he added.

A major disagreement is over Japan's import ban on rice, protecting a domestic product several times more costly than U.S. rice, and prompting the U.S. rice industry to file an unfair trade case. Yeurter last month held up U.S. government action on the industry petition until the entire issue of agricultural trade is discussed at the Montreal talks.

While prepared to discuss all farm trade issues. Japan regards rice as its historic staple food and maintains that "special consideration should be given to basic foodstuffs from the viewpoint of food security... special concessions should be given," Yabunaka said.

"But we are not denying discussion of access" to the market. he added.

'Certainly we believe we should work toward further liberalisation of agricultural trade,' Yabunaka said.

He noted that Japan is the world's largest net importer of

'We can rather proudly say we have been a contributing factor to the expansion of agricultural trade - even though sometimes

The newslerter's editor inter-

viewed Nazer in Vienna after the Organisation of Petroleum Ex-

porting Countries (OPEC) con-

Nazer's last-minute proposal oo prices was a bombshell that

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group's 12 other members, who

feared it would become a price

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withdrew the proposal.

Overall output for the first half

of next year was raised to 18.5

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t5.06 million barrel ceiling, ex-

cluding Iraq, reached two years

Iraq, which had refused to

accept a 1.5 million barrel quota

since 1986, agreed to accept a

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(rice), as you know," he said. Yeutter was quoted by Yabunaka as saying U.S.-Japanese trade was moving in the right direction after Uno told him Japanese imports of U.S. goods rose to \$40.6 billion in the year ending last October, compared to \$30 billion last year.

Yeutter insists on long-term world agricultural strategy

Yeutter said Wednesday the United States is ready to freeze farm subsidies, but only if other countries promise to join in longterm reforms.

He included domestic subsidies and barriers to imports as well as export subsidies in the U.S. proposal for an immediate freeze.

"But the United States will take only those actions - shortierm or long-term — that are also taken by our trading partners. and we will take no short-term action of any kind unless we achieve in Montreal a satisfactory commitment to long-term reform," he told a conference on world trade at George Washington University.

The United States proposed last year to phase out all farm subsidies by the year 2000. They cost taxpayers tens of hillions of dollars every year in the United States, Japan and Western

prices high. Other governments. especially in Europe. have called the proposal unrealistic but maintain they also want to cut costs.

Farlier this month, President Reagan said the United States would be flexible about umctables as long as everyone agreed on a plan with specific dates for ending subsidies that distort tradeand bar international access to markets.

Yeutter said the United States is ready to leave some items out of the proposed han on subsidies: Food that is sent as aid to poor countoes, and help to a country's farmers that does not affect prices production.

He also announced other goals for the complex negotiations. What must come from our meeting in Montreal is the determination and the momentum

needed to push these negotiations toward a successful conclusion two years from now," he said. The Reagan admioistration also wants commitments for: - Rules on services, such as

air travel, banking and insurance. which now are covered by few internadunal accords.

- Berter enforcement of patents and copyrights: U.S. computer industries reported a loss of \$4 billion, and entertainment in-dustries lost \$2 hillion, in 1986 is, excessive." De Clercq said.

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because of a lack of protection. - Negotiation on foreign investment as it relates to trade. Improved ways to settle

international trade disputes. - What he called "a stronger and healthier General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

 Increased access for exports. EC to hold U.S. responsible if Montreal talks fail

In Brussels, the European Community (EC) said Wednesday Washington would be responsible for a failure of the mid-term review of world trade talks in Montreal if it stuck to its call for an end to farm subsidies.

"Partners who do not want to take into account the set objectives... must realise that in acting this way they would carry a very clear responsibility in case of a failure of the Montreal meeting, EC Commissioner Willy Dc

Clercq said. Though he did not name the United States. De Clercq was clearly referring to a U.S. dcmand for the long-term abolition of all agricultural subsidies by the end of the century.

"We continue to insist on a significant and concerted reduction of (farm) support. Except for error on my part, the U.S. artiworld economic model WASHINGTON (Agencies) - are reforming their system to permit more economic freedom." President Reagan said Thursday he noted. he will ride off into the sunset

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Aquino said the lawsuit also cited contractors Westinghouse

International Projects, and engineer Burns and Roc Enterprises,

who designed the 600-megawatt plant on the Bataan peninsula west

NEW YORK (AP) - Reuters Holdings Plc. said Thursday it plans

to discontinue manufacturing operations at its IDR Inc. subsidiary

on Long Island next year, and would take an extraordinary charge

of \$10 million to \$15 million this year. The subsidiary has been building subscriber terminals for Reuters. Reuters said its future

lay with personal computers, and expects to be able to buy such computers on the open market by the end of 1989 at a more

favourable price than from its own subsidiary. Despite the charge

Reuters expects to report revenue and profit growth for all of 1988.

SEOUL (AP) - South Korea's dynamic economic growth will

slow to a single-digit figure next year while its efficient account

surplus also will narrow to below \$10 billion, government econom-

ists predicted Thursday. The government's Economic Planning

Board (EPB) predicted the nation's economy, expected to grow

11.5 per cent this year, will improve by eight-nine per cent in real

terms in 1989. The board said the projected decline in the trade

surplus will lower the current account surplus form this year's \$13.5

billion to \$9 billion next year. The trade surplus will narrow from this year's \$9 billion or more to \$6.5 hillion in 1989 due to an

expected slowdown of export growth as well as rising imports

resulting from the expanded opening of the domestic market to foreign goods, the government board said. The planning hoard said

that by the end of the year, the export volume is likely to reach \$60

billion, representing 27 per cent growth over last year. It said

export prices of domestic goods rose 14 per cent by the end of

November, enough to make up for most of the losses suffered from

LONDON (API -- Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government introduced legislatiun Thursday to sell the country's electric-

ity industry, the biggest and most controversial muve in her plao to

dispose of state-owned assets. Energy Mioister Cecil Parkinson

immediately took issue with critics who claim consumers will be

forced to pay higher rates to the new private shareholders. "There

are no new costs created by privatisation." Parkinson told a news

conference. "There is now new levy created by privatisation... the

idea that public ownership and the otonopoly are some sort of iosurance against price increases is a sick joke." The opposition

Lahour Party's energy spokesman, Tuny Blair, predicted that the

government's plan would add 25 per cent to consumers' electric

bills. Shares will be sold to foreigners us well as British citizens.

Parkinsoo said. The limit on share ownership has not been decided.

hut he said limiting any one stockholder to 15 per cent of shares had worked well in other privatisation plans.

BONN (R) - The West Gerotao economy maintained strong

growth in the third quarter of this year nod was heading for its best

anoual growth since 1979, the economics mioistry said Thursday.

The gross national product (GNP), the total monetary value of all

goods and services produced by a country, rose by 1.5 per cent io

reat, volume terms in the third quarter from the second, giving a

year-on-year rise of 3.4 per cent. The provisional figures were in

line with economists' expectations. The economics ministry said io

a statement that prospects for the fourth quarter and the cuming year were favourable. "Average yearly economic growth of around

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very likely," the mioistry said. GNP grew four per cent in 1979.

The ministry attributed the rubust state of the economy to buoyant

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The theory of supply side economics postulates that by lowering personal taxes individuals will be encouraged to work harder and consume more, fuelling economic growth. America, the economic model we Reagan boasted that his prog-

ramme of cutting personal tax rates by 30 per cent over a threeyear period had led to six years of steady growth in the U.S. economy with low ioflation. Unmentioned, however, was the fact that his administration

hudget deficits which peaked at over \$220 hillion in the fiscal year 1986 before beginning a slow decline. President-elect Bush bas declared a reduction of the deficit

also piled up huge annuat federal

his top priority after he takes "The truth is that for six years now the economy has been so good that occasionally they even had to announce it on the

evening news." said Reagao. whose White House staff has long insisted that the accomplishments of his administration were not being given sufficient publicity.

like, with the economy booming, can depression be far behind?

Reagan quipped. He hailed Kemp as the conservative ally who fired "solid gold bullets" in Congress. He called Kemp ao unstinting

fighter for conservative values. and said Bush will need only to "sound the trumpet" when he needs support and "the great army of idealists and activists we have counted on will be ready to "When you talk about charge." Jack, one word comes to mind: The cause," Reagao said. "Wherever he is, he will fight for that cause, he will work for that cause, and what united every single persoo in this room is our shared commitment to that

cause. On financial marters, meanwhile, Reagao, in his final budget, will try to overhaul the way Congress parcels out money, including recommending a switch from one-year to two-year spend-

ing plans Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, who will stay oo inthe Bush administration, has been particularly supportive of the two-year budger cycle.

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TOKYO — Prices eoded a featureless session mixed, waiting along with the bood and currency markets for the release of U.S. November unemployment figures. The Nikkei index shaved off 9.2t poiots, or 0.03 per cent, to 29,532.25.

HONG KONG — Share prices ended a day of range trading marginally lower, mainly oo usual pre-weekend caution. The Hang Seng iodex was down 0.77 of a poiot to 2,667.26. SINGAPORE — Prices eoded generally lower on stoploss selling, which took the Straits Times industrial index below the psychologically important 1,000-level. It closed 4.10 lower at 999:37.

BOMBAY - Prices closed steady after moderate trading. Tata Steel rose 25 rupees to 1,100.

FRANKFURT — Shares rebounded from sharply lower opening prices to close only slightly easier. The 30-share Dax index closed at 1,275.78, down 2.20.

ZURICH — Shares closed steady in lively trading as investors continued to switch between different classes of share. The Swiss index fell 0.1 to 920.3.

PARIS — Prices ended easier but off that lows reached after the live

release of U.S. employment data for November. LONDON — Shares showed no reaction to the lower opening of Wall Street, which was anticipated after the stronger than expected U.S. non-farm employment data for November 175E 100 iodex at 1453 GMT was down 19.7 at 1,759:10

NEW YORK — A downturn in the dollar put renewed present on stocks, as blue chips crept lower in late-morning trading. Dow was down 18 at 2.085.

Nabisco accepts Kohlberg Kravis bid NEW YORK (R) - U.S. tobacco and food conglomerate RJR

Nabisco Inc. has sold itself to the lower bidder for \$24.7 billion in the biggest corporate takeover in history. The winner in the auction that began in October was Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co., a New York-based firm that specialises in takeovers using a high proportion of borrowed cash. It will pay \$109 n share in cash for 73 per cent of RJR Nabisco, which is best known for its cereals, Ritz crackers. Planters nuts and Winston cigarettes, and then buy the rest for securities and debt valued at the same amount, RJR Nabisco, the 19th largest U.S. industrial company, said in a statement late Wednesday that a special committee of outside unanimously rejected a \$112 per share, or \$25.4 billion offer from an iovestor group led by Nabisco's chief executive F. Ross Johnson.

France lifts ban on Iranian oil imports

PARIS (R) - France has decided to lift completely its embargo

on Iranian oil imports, the industry ministry said Friday. It imposed

the ban when the two countries severed diplomatic relations in July

1987 over an Iranian embassy official's alleged involvement in

terrorist attacks in Paos. Paris and Tehran reestablished ties when

the last French hostages in Lebanon were freed in June, The

French government eased the embargo in September by allowing barter deals between the two countries. "The industry ministry has

informed oil companies that imports of Iranian crude oil are from

now on subject to normal rules applying for this trade," a ministry statement said. Before the 1987 embargo, Iran was France's main

ATT to take big charge against income

NEW YORK (AP) — American Telephone and Telegraph Co. (ATT) said Thursday it will take a \$6.7 billion charge agaist its fourth-quarter earnings to cover expenses related to getting rid of outdated telephooe equipment. ATT said the charge would reduce its profits by \$3.9 hillion, resulting in a loss for the year, but would not "adversely affect our ability to pay dividends and continue investing to the business." The hulk of the charge, \$5 billion, is to reflect oo the books the lower value of outdated octwork equipment. The remaining \$1.7 hillion is for the costs of removing the outdated equipment, writedowns in the value of related equipment and reductions in employment.

Manila files suit against Westinghouse

MANILA (R) — The Philippines government said Thursday it is suing the U.S. Westinghouse Electric Corp. for punitive damages over a \$2.1 billion nuclear plant Manila says is too daogerous to operate. President Corazon Aquino annouoced that the government had filed a suit that the company had bribed former president Ferdinand Marcos to win the contract. Westinghouse has denied

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Navratilova beats Evert in exhibition tennis

AUBURN HILLS (AP) - Martina Navratilova defeated Chris Evert 7-5, 7-5 in the queens of tennis exhibition event held Thursday night at the palace of Auburn Hills. Navratilova and Evert, ranked second and third worldwide behind Steffi Graf, received undisclosed appearance fees for the one-night event, attended by an audience of 12,888. Earlier this season, Evert defeated Navratilova in the semifinals of the Australian open before Navratilova downed Evert in the semifinals at Wimbledon. Navratilova defeated Evert 6-2, 6-2 on Nov. 13 in the Virginia Slims of Chicago Tournament, their last meeting prior to Thursday. The two have met 80 times in sanctioned tournaments, with Navratilova holding a 43-37 edge.

Chess newlyweds trying to get daughter out

NEW YORK (AP) — The captain of the U.S. men's chess team and his bride, Soviet player Elena Akhmilovskaya, said Thursday they have hired a lawyer to help reunite Akhmilovskaya with her daughter, who is in the Soviet Union. "That is our main concern right now, to try and get her daughter out," John Donaldson said in a telephone interview from a friend's Manhattan apartment. Akhmilovskaya, a top-rated Soviet chess player, secretly married Donaldson, the U.S. team's non-playing captain, last Friday as the month-long chess Olympiad in Greece was coming to a close. The Soviet player has a 7-year-old daughter, Dana, who is currently staying with Akhmilovskaya's former mother-in-law in the Soviet Republic of Georgia. The couple has hired attorney Harry Mark Holtzer

McEnroe loses racket sponsor

LONDON (AP) - John McEnroe lost his million-dollar sponsorship deal with Dunlop Thursday in what the Brinsh tennis racket manufacturer described as "a commercial decision" unrelated to the American's bad-boy image. The move ended a seven-year business relationship between McEnroe and Dunlop, a period in which the tempestuous star won three Wimbledon and two U.S. Open championships. He also won the U.S. Open in 1979-80. In recent years, McEnroe has slipped in the rankings, while playing sporadically. He took more than six months off from the sport in 1986. "It was a commercial decision but absolutely nothing to do with McEnroe's behaviour," Brian Jenkins, Managing Director of Dunlop Europe, said. He said the contract with McEnroe, due to expire at the end of 1988, would

Denver to bid for 1998 Winter Games

DENVER (AP) - A group of Colorado business and government leaders, believing that financial and environmental ques-

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BY CHARLES GOREN

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South was perhaps a trifle aggressive in introducing his club suit at the three-level. As a result, the double fit propelled North-South to the heart game, a contract that would normally have caused South consid-

East won the first trick with the queen of spades as declarer, Bart Bramley of Atlanta, followed low from dummy. East's diamond shift went to the queen and ace, and a low trump to the queen lost to the king.

West's diamond return was ruffed, and declarer tried the ace of hearts in an attempt to drop the jack. When that hope went agiimmering, declarer ran the jack of clubs. The ten was covered by the king and taken with the ace. hut revealed to declarer the bad news that the club suit was not going to

Undeterred, declarer crossed to the ace of spades and ruffed a diamond. A spade ruff was the entry to lead another diamond from the 1able. East was belpless. To ruff with his winning trump would oot help, so he discarded. But oow declarer was able to score his last trump en passant, and his queen of clubs was the game-going trick.

Thursday that Denver will make a formal bid for the 1998 Winter Games. The decision drew the endorsement of Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, Denver Mayor Federico Pena, House Majority Leader Chris Paulson and various business leaders. The announcement came after completion of a \$12,000 feasibility study which indicated significant public support for hosting the 1998 Winter Olympics in Denver. Denver previously was awarded the 1976 Winter Olympics, but Colorado residents, ciung the cost to taxpayers and potential environmental damage, rejected the games in a 1972 vote. Those games subsequently were held in Innsbruck, Austria. A poll conducted on behalf of the committee indicated that 60 per cent of Colorado voters surveyed were in favour of hosting the 1998 Winter Olympics. Only 18 per cent were opposed, and 22 per cent were undecided. Eighty-five per cent of the respondents cited economic benefits as the reason for their support of the Olympic bid. International matches in Iraq and Iran again

tions about staging the Olympics bave been answered, announced

ZURICH (AP) - FIFA, world soccer's governing body, decided Thursday to re-admit Iran and Iraq as venues for international competition once each government provides comprehensive safety guarantees. Iraq, backed by several Gulf states, had petitioned the international soccer federation for lifting the ban after its war adversary Iran agreed to a ceasefire last August. The ban was imposed in mid-1984. Under the ban, both countries have to move home games in international competition to neutral ground. Iran and Iraq are due to compete in regional qualifying rounds for the 1990 World Cup starting Jan. 1. Iraq is one of the region's strongest soccer nations. Its national team qualified for the 1986 World Cup final round in Mexico and this year's Olympic

Hockey: aggressive players threaten insurance

NEW YORK (R) — Lloyd's of London, the insurance company which holds the Nauon Hockey League's (NHL) liability policy, has expressed concern about public threats by players to injure each other. Lloyd's warned the NHL players union that continued threats of deliberate injury could jeopardise the league's insurance policy which covers accidental injuries and disability, the New York Times reported Thursday. "The head of the underwriting group called me," he said. "When they call it shows a lot of "They're asking us to keep the players quiet," said Eagleson, who said the insurance company had paid about six million dollars in claims over the past 10 years.

Released Molson aims at self-respect

LIVERPOOL (R) — Danish international midfielder Jan Molby is staying at Liverpool to resurrect his career after his release from prison, the chairman of the English first division soccer club John Smith said Friday. Molby served six weeks of a three months sentence for reckless driving before being released Thursday when he was smuggled away in the boot of a car to avoid waiting reporters. After a meeting at the club's Anfield stadium. Smith said: "The club understandably has taken a very serious view of the whole affair. We have listened to his explanation and accepted his sincere apologies for the publicity which this club has suffered by the matter. Molby said: "I have served my sentence and now face the daunting prospect of regaining my self-respect before the eyes of thousands of fans.

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

- As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES:
Emotional flare-ups may cloud the morning but will soon fade. Senauality and a need to express those

against your natura to ignore the basics. Finish tasks before getting started on free-time activities.

LIBRA [Sept. 23 to Oct. 22] You auality and a need to express those feelings will push people together today. Focus on communication, short trips and sharing. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You

take pleasure in surmounting dif-ficulties. Relax with your mote and friends. Stop the frenzy of activity that is draining your energy. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 201 The annoyances of daily living keep

you asking if there is any justice in ife. Don't shy away from the thrilling, fun things in life.

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a aurprise improvement. LEO (Jut. 22 to Aug. 21| Social adventure can bring a rewarding experience, but apend only what you can afford. Sort out scheduling before you meet with companions.

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can't give 100 percent when you are running at high speed. Your part-

ner knows what you need before you ask. Stick to your budget. SCORPIO IOct. 23 to Nov. 211 You reflect on intimate questions. A companion stimulates your creativity. A short journey is romanuc and exciting.

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211 You find the answer to o nag-ging problem. Your potential makes dreams come Irue. Improve your home environment. Eatablish order. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan 20)

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stable. Your ficancial picture broadens through crentivity. PtSCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) It is easy to meet people. Don't go over-board entertaining. Plans with your family moterialize. Cooperatioo is alwayo appreciated.

U.K. considers making steroids illegal

LONDON (R) — Sports Minister Colin Moynihan on Thursday appealed to the rest of the world to follow Britain's lead in the war

on drug abuse in sport.

Moynihan threw his support behind the confinuing policy of random dope tests and British proposals to crack down on dealers and users of anabolic steroids. But he insisted: "We can't do it in isolation.'

"We're tackling the problem at home but at the same time we must make sure there's also international action being taken," he said after making a tour of one of the world's leading drug-testing laboratories in London,

Plans to make improper possession of steroids a crime in Britain are currently being considered by the government and could become law next year. The move would make Britain the only nation to legislate against

Moynihan said: "The Home Office has considered banning the possession of anabolic steroids without a proper medical prescription to stop trafficking."

My visit here has endorsed my view that the government is right to take formal legal action for possession of steroids.

"I regard this as a significant breakthrough against the use of drugs in sport. We're tackling right at the heart of the steroids problem." He also called for more nations

to adopt random testing throughout the year. "It's not the number of samples - it's the random nature of drug testing that is the deterrent," he said. Random testing allows the

samples officer to turn up at the running track or the gymnasium. That's the real deterrent." Moyniban witnessed one posi-

tive test as he toured the laboratory, which boats equipment which he said was "as good as and sometimes better than that used in Seoul for the Olympic games."
Moyniham added: "It's clear

there's a serious problem of drug sbuse in sport both internationally and in this country." The minister said one in 50-

samples tested positive at the laboratory, which handles around 4,000 tests a year on British and overseas competitors. 'We've made a good start but

we've got a long way to go," Moynihan said. "But tough action continues to be needed by governing bodies to tackle this problem.

The laboratory, part of London's King College, tests samples for around 260 national governing bodies, costs around \$600,000 a year to run and is staffed by an international team.

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Hlasek crowns comeback with triumph over Lendl

NEW YORK (Agencies) — Jakob Hlasek of Switzer-land Thursday night upset five-time champion Ivan Land! 4.6.6.3.7.5 in Electric champion Ivan Lendl 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 in Hlasek's first appearance at like him.' the Masters Tournament.

could play loose and enjoy myself," said Hlasek, who was sidelined for four months after breaking his right wrist in a January car accident and needed a pair of victories last month to qualify for the season-ending tournament at Madison Square Garden.

Going into the match. Lendl was 5-0 against Hlasek and has won the Masters three straight times and reached the final eight times in a row.

But after falling behind 4-2 in the final set, Hlasek rallied to break Lendl twice and win the

"It seems I always win in the third set this year," said Hlasek. who moved to Switzerland from his native Czechoslovakia when he was three years old. "Even when I was down, I really thought I'd win.'

He smashed a tennis ball high into the Madison Square Garden crowd after his resounding

Lendl, who has seen limited action since undergoing shoulder surgery following the U.S. Open, said he blew several opportunities to put Hlasek away. 'I should have beaten him like

did at the U.S. Open," said Lendl who beat Hlasek in four sets in the fourth round at Flusbing Meadow."

"It should have been 6-3, 6-3 and I should be in the bathtub watching the hockey game," be said. "I had so many easy chances I didn't take advantage of

Under the round-robin format, Lendl still has a chance to reach the semifinals.

"With a little bit of luck, I can make it," he said. "I just have to win some of these close

Earlier, fifth-seeded Stefan

Edberg kept alive bis title hopes with a 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 6-4 victory over no. 5 Boris Becker in a repeat of their Wimbledon final. Top-seeded Mats Wilander de-

feated Henri Leconte 6-2, 6-4 in the final match of the night. A loss to Becker, who beat Wilander Wednesday night,

Becker holds a 9-6 edge over Edberg, but bas lost four of their "I didn't expect to be here, so I would bave virtually eliminated last six matches.

The West German broke "At least now I feel I have a chance," he said. "But I'm playing Mats (Wilander) next and that's tough."

Edberg to take a 5-3 lead in the first set, but the Swede broke right back and they remained even until the tiebreaker. After "I knew I was going to play better tonight," Edberg said after his two hour 23 minute victory. "I falling behind 5-4 in the tiebreaker, Edberg served an ace. Becker hit a backhand wide and Edberg had everything going for me. I cracked a winning service return returned serve very well and I'm to take set.

very happy with the way I Becker grabbed the lead again It was an atypical match for the in the second set, and this time he two big serve-and-volley players beld it. as each had difficulty holding

Edberg bad two break points in the eighth game, but then made four straight errors to fall behind Becker, who lost just 16 points 5-3. His erratic play continued in on serve to Wilander, dropped 38 the next game, which he lost on a There were four service breaks double-fault.

in the opening set, the last achieved by Edberg in the ninth Edberg got the only break of the final set on a winning service game with Becker serving for the return in the third game.

As be did in his opening match "I lost it by losing the first set," said Becker, who lost the Wimbagainst Wilander, Becker yelled ledon final to Edberg in their last at himself and slammed his racket meeting. "I had so many chan- when he hit poor shots.

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'Qualitative change' in Sino-Soviet relations

Soviet, Chinese leaders discuss Kampuchea problem

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen met Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in

The brief report gave no details

of their talks. On Thursday. Qian and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze agreed to promote a solution to the Kampuchean con-

Their meeting in Moscow was the first in three decades between the foreign ministers of the world's two most powerful communist states and the two men said they were opening a new era in Soviet-Chinese relations.

In their first meeting Thursday. Shevardnadze and Qian spent much of their time discussing the dispute over Kampuchea, and they set up a special working group. TASS said.

They beld a thorough, substantive exchange of views that enabled each side fully to present its position," TASS said. "The Soviet Union and China are interested in the earliest, fair and rational solution of that regional

conflict. TASS quoted the Vietnamese Defence Ministry as announcing in Hanoi that 18,000 Vietnamese soldiers would be withdrawn from Kampuchea between Dec. 15 to Dec. 21, the last of 50,000 soldiers being withdrawn this

China wants the Soviet Union to use its influence to get all Victnamese soldiers out of Kampuchea, where they have been fighting a Chinese-backed resistance for the past decade. The dispute has been the main stumbling block to a Soviet-Chinese

Soviet-Chinese relations soured in the early 1960s in a struggle over the direction of the world communist movement. Re-

the Kremlin Friday, the second day of Qian's visit to Moscow, TASS news agency said.



frontier war

But Gorbachev has ordered a ullout of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, reduced Soviet troops on the Chinese border and agreed to direct talks about the ietnamese presence in Kam-

Shevardnadze, in his talks Thursday with Qian, said, "One can speak of a new quality in bilateral relations... "Great progress has been made

hut, as we understand it, neither Moscow nor Beijing are going to stop at what has been accomplished. They both believe that it is necessary to look into the "We are glad that in recent

years Chinese-Soviet relations gradually are improving. I sin-

Qian is the first Chinese foreign minister to visit Moscow since 1957. The two countries clashed in the 1960s over ideological and border issues and only recently began steps towards overcoming their differences.

TASS said Thursday: "It was noted that the Soviet Union and China are interested in the earliest, fair and rational solution of that regional conflict," TASS re-

'The sides reaffirmed their intention to facilitate the solution the external aspects of the Kampuchean settlement on the understanding that internal aspects will be resolved as a result of contacts with the participation of all the Khmer sides," it said. Qian was expected to push the

Soviet Union for a detailed timet-

Argentine army rebels take over largest military base

wing colonel.

'Colonel Mohamed Ali Seineldin took charge early this morn-

Speaking on local radio the Lieutenant-Colonel Olivera, said officers who had been in charge of the base had withdrawn.

Sydney closes Yugoslav consulate

SYDNEY (R) - Australia closed the Yugoslav consulate in

Sydney Friday and gave the staff until Monday evening to leave the

country. Foreign Affairs Minister Gareth Evans said. Evans sold

journalists Yugoslav officials had refused to hand over a security

guard who is alleged to have shot and wounded a Croatian youth

Sunday by the deadline of 6 p.m. (0700 GMT) Friday. "I very much regret Australia has been forced into this action." Evans

said. On Thursday, Evans gave Yugoslavia 24 hours to hand over a

consulate security guard. Matijas Zoran, following the shooting of

Josef Tokic, 16, during a demonstration by Croatians demanding

independence for Croatia. Tokic is recovering in hospital after

being hit in the neck by a shot fired from within the consulate.

grounds. Yugoslav officials claim the wound was caused by a Ricochet.

JOHANNESBURG (R) -- A handcuffed black teenager sus-

pected of helonging to the African National Congress (ANC)

guerrilla movement plunged seven floors to his death Thursday

hours after heing arrested, police said. Police Commissioner

Hennie de Witt said t8-year-old Amos Khoza was arrested early in

the morning by the security branch and taken to a flat in

"On the way to the flat, he managed to throw himself over a wall

and consequently fell to his death." de Witt said in a statement.

BERLIN (AP) — East German leader Erich Honecker will step

down in 1990 after ruling the communist nation for 19 years, a

newspaper reported Thursday. The Bonn-based Die Welt news-

paper said the decision was made during a Thursday meeting of the

party's Central Committee. The newspaper did not cite sources for

its report. The state-run news agency ADN made no mention of

personnel changes, saving only that a planned party conference had

been moved up a year and would be held in May 1990. The

newspaper said Honecker would retire at the end of the confer-

ence. Die Welt said that in addition to Honeeker, several ageing

and powerful Politburo members would also step down, including

the head of the state security forces and the party's chief ideologue.

Johannesburg where he had been due to contact an ANC member.

ANC suspect plunges to his death

'Honecker to step down in 1990'

din is a known sympathiser of cashiered Lieutenant-Colonel Aldo Rico, currently awaiting court martial for leading two unsuccessful army uprisings in April, 1987 and Junuary this year.

Olivera said that 48 hours ear-

lier Seineldin had returned to Argentina from Panama where he was a military adviser to the

He added that 53 members of a

crack coast guard unit who had disappeared from their barracks early Thursday morning were in-

faces blacked, refused to speak to reporters Friday morning as they stood guard outside the Camp de Mayo, the scene of Rico's 1987 'Easter Week' rebellion.

Overnight the defence ministry said it had neutralised attempted rebellions in two other army units although 53 men of an elite coast guard unit remained on the run after abandoning their barracks Thursday shouting "Long live

Bangladesh, India cyclone toll rises

SHAMNAGAR, Bangladesh (AP) - A cyclone that flattened entire villages killed up to 1,200 people in Bangladesh and India and left five million homeless, newspapers and officials said

More than 3,000 people were missing, mostly fishermen who refused to abandoo their boats when the cyclone struck Tuesday night, according to an official of the Red Crescent society, the Muslim equivalent of the

Thousands of cattle were killed, and vast expanses of rice paddies were devastated.

In Shamnagar, a town of 6,000 people in southwestern Bangladesh's Satkhira District, not a single house could be seen staoding. Residents said about 10 people in Shamnagar died in the storm that flattened their

"I have lost everything

my homes, my crops, my cattle," said Ahmed Ali, who found refuge with his wife and five childreo lo a sturdier school building.

As tears rolled down his bearded face, the 45-year-old farmer added: "There is oo future for me and my family.

From Khulna 60 kilometres east to Shamnagar, village after village lay in ruins. Rarely were trees visible against the skyline. Hundreds of palms lay uprooted on the ground. "I have lost whatever I had

— the house and the crops ready for harvest," said Ramzan Ali, a 45-year-old farmer in Taltala, 70 kilometres west of Khulna. More than half of the mud

and straw houses io Taltala, a village of 500 people, were flattened by the cyclone's 165kilometre-per-hour winds.

The New Nation, ao English

language newspaper published in the Bangiadeshi capital of Dhaka, said reports from its correspondents showed more than 700 people dled in the cyclone.

The independent Bengalilanguage loquilah pot the death toll at 1,037, higher than any other newspaper.

Dainik Bangia, another iode-pendent Bengali paper, said more than 10,000 people were injured and five million were homeless. Government figures, which

are generally regarded as low in the disasters that hit Bangladesh with deadly regularity, were more conservative. The government-owned Bangladesh Times, quoting

official sources, put the death toll at 577. An official at the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society in Dhaka.

speaking on condition of anonymity, said nearly 700 bodies had been recovered, most of them in the southwestern districts of Khulna, Satkhira and Bagerbat.

He said rescuers were searching for about 3,000 fishermen missing in the Bay of Reogal.

United News of India quoted police sources in the Indian city of Calcutta as saying 210 deaths were reported io West Bengal state, which abuts Bangladesh.

The cyclone stormed in from the Bay of Bengal, triggeriog tidal waves of up to five metres that submerged the low-lying islands and sandbars off the

The storm inflicted damage on 30 of Bangladesh's 64 admi-nistrative districts, the most widespread cyclooc damage in the country's recorded history.

EEC opens summit

RHODES, Greece (Agencies)— The t2 European Economic Community (EEC) leaders opened a two-day summit Friday to review progress in moves to create a borderless, single-market Europe by 1992. Officials said the leaders would

seek to reassure the United States and Japan, the EEC's main tradiog partners, that their efforts to boost trade within the EEC will not be at the expense of imports.

A draft statement to that effect, states that a single EEC market will benefit also "non community countries, 1992 Europe will not close in one itself... will not be a fortress Europe but a partnership About 12 hours before the

summit began, four bombs exploded in Athens, 435 kilometres northwest of Rhodes, police said. No one was injured in the blasts that caused minor damage to buildings, including an EEC office. The Revolutionary Popular Struggle said it set off the bombs. The left-wing group has claimed responsibility for bomb attacks in the past.

On the Middle East, an EEC statement before the summit opened urged the United States to reconsider its refusal of a visa for Yasser Arafat, chairman of U.N. General Assembly in New ence.

"The 12 call upon the U.S government to review the legal arguments and reconsider its decision." the statement said.

The statement said: "The 12 believe that in accordance with the (U.N.) headquarters agreement and the opioion of the legal counset of the United Nations. Mr. Arafat should be allowed 10 address the U.N. assembly in New York."

"The 12 are also firmly of the opinion that at this stage of the situation regarding the Middle East it would be important not to hinder the role of the U.N. as a forum before which a leader of a party to the dispute would exress his views on the matter."

"Moreover the 12 feel it is necessary to maintain and encourage the momentum created hy the recent decisions of the Palestine National Council." The community's response to

the PNC meeting in Algiers last month proclaiming a Palestinian state and implicitly recognising Israel was more positive than that of the United States, diplomats

EEC governments helieve the Algiers declaration could be a step towards reviving the Middle East peace process and want to build on it by pressing the United the Palestine Liberation Orga- States and Israel to agree to a nisation (PLO) to address the U.N.-sponsored peace confer-

Nixon had many things on his mind

NEW YORK (AP) - Important matters of state were not always uppermost in the mind of former U.S. President Richard M. Nixon. The glamour of former-Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's dinner partners and the quality of the White House's wine cellar also concerned Nixon. according to a new book. Excerpts from: "The President, Richard Nixon's Secret Files, edited by Bruce Oudes and published by Harper and Row. appear in People Magazine's Dec. 5 issue. The memos show Nixon was particularly concerned ahout the press. After the publication of the Pentagon papers, he told his assistant H.R. Haldeman to make sure no one spoke to the New York Times without the president's permission. But Nixon had other interests as well. In a March 1970 memo, he asked Haldeman: "Would you please have the bordeaux years check-ed? I know that '59 is an excellent year, even with my unsophisticated taste, but my recoilection is that '66 is one of the poor years. The reason I ask is that we seem to have a huge stock '66 bordeaux on hand, and I wondered why." Memos from Nixon's aides revealed even the attractiveness of Kissinger's dinner companions did not escape the former president's nonce. A

Indian supreme court stays execution of Gandhi killers

fore they were due to he ex-

Lawyers for Satwant Singh and Kehar Singh lost one legal hid in the Delhi high court carlier Thursday to stay the execution, which was to have taken place in the capital's Tihar maximum

But they then raced to India's

accept their petitions and set Tuesday for the hearings, which are expected to last at least a day. northern India had been put on ataraman.

alort to prevent reprisats after the hangings. Militants fighting for an independent homeland for India's to million Sikhs have vowed revenge if the executions take place.

Kehar Singh's lawyer, Ram Jethmalani, barged into the supreme court as it was nearing the end of a hearing connected to the 1984 Bhopal gas disaster. "It is of utmost urgency," he said. "My client is to be hanged at

8 a.m. iomorrow.' The court agreed to listen his arguments and as he spoke he was joined by lawyers for Satwant

Jethmalani, an opposition memher of parliament, argued that his client's mercy petition had been improperly dismissed hy President Ramaswamy Venk-

He also asked the court to clarify the use of the head of state's discretionary powers of clemency,

hachev said.

Jethmalani, visibly relieved after winning the delay, told reporters: "The more the government shows its enthusiasm for hanging a person, the more it stinks."

Satwant Singh's lawyer, R.S. Sodhi, said his client was witting to liang hut wanted first to put on record his own account of events which followed the death of

Another Sikh bodyguard who took part in the shooting was kitled by other security men on the spot. Satwant was wounded. Government tawyers told the supreme court the condemned

men's lawyers were merely using delaying tactics.

N. Korean bomber faces court

North Korean agent on Friday made her first public appearance since she confessed on television to blowing up a South Korean airliner a year ago.

said on live television she planted bombs last Nov. 29 aboard the Rorean Air Lines Boeing 707. The plane exploded in mid-air a few hours later near the Burmese coast, killing all 115 aboard.

State physecutors, who began investigating her case last week, called her in for the first time Friday from the custody of the Agency for National Security Planning (NSP), South Korea's

Kim, better known as

arrested, arrived at the office of the Seoul district prosecutor amidst heavy security. Her white sedan was escorted by four police vehicles.

Wearing an oversize white and black tracksuit top over dark slacks, she posed briefly for cameras, keeping her head bowed. She was not hand cuffed and once or twice hrushed back her long hair with her hand.

After about 10 seconds, whe was led into the hudding by two women NSP agents. Reporters were harred from following her in, and she did not respond to

not immediately known how long she would stay in the prosecutors office. They said she was likely to be formally indicted in court later

could be hanged if found guilty of mass murder, the government would probably pardon her after trial and use her case for anti-communist propaganda purposes to impress often sceptical young

Madame Tussaud dumps Dukakis

LONDON (AP) — A bit of Michael Dukakis fame is melting away at Madame Tussaud's waxworks which plans to banish his image after the shortest exhibition in the museum's history. "In 218 years. Michael Dukakis naturally had the shortest exhibi-tion life ever." Juliet Simple head of publicity for the museum, said Wednesday. A wax image of the Democratic presidential candidate went on display next to a statue of President-elect George Bush Oct. 31, when Madame Tussaud's felt the election was too close to call. The Dukakis statue will come down Dec. 9, and the head and head mold will be stored. Simpkins said. It was the first time Madame Tussaud's bad displayed both American presidential candidates. In the previous three elections, she said, the museum cotrectly guessed the winner.

Hockney art price doubles

LONDON (AP) - An anonymous buyer paid a record £352,000 (\$651,000) for a 1967 painting by David Hockney — more than double recent prices for the British artist's work. The 244-centimetre-square acrylic painting, sold anonymously at Sotheby's and titled "A Neat Lawn." depicts a sprinkler on a lawn in front of a two-storey house hearing the number 1033. It was done in Berkeley, California. Hockney is one of the world's most popular living artists hut his prices have not matched the millions paid for work by leading Americans. Hockoey paintings and drawings have been fetching around \$300,000 each at recent auctions in Londoo and New York. The auction house said their sale of contemporary and post-World War II art realised £6.835 million (\$12.64 million), a record for such a sale in

could have been prevented, and complex revisions in 117 articles of the constitution and election law in late October. The changes were not explained at the time. nor was it clear who wrote them. Many clements were not understood right away," Gor-The president also said the revised constitution was temporary, as further changes would respond to demands that local February 1971 message from Haldeman to Nixon deputy Alex Butterfield stated, "In scating at state dinners, the president feels that Henry (Kissinger) should not atways he put next to the most

Beatrice to be christened Dec. 20

glamorous woman present."

LONDON (AP) - Princess Beatrice, the three-month-old daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, will be christened by the Archhishop of York Dec. 20. Buckingham Palace said Monday. The christening will take place in the historic Chapel Royal in London's Saint James's palace. where Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were married in 1840 and where royal christenings occasionally have taken place. Princess Beatrice Elizabeth Mary. fifth in line to the throng and the fifth grandchild of Queen Elizabeth fl. will wear the royal family's christening robe of Hositon lace and will be baptised at the silver gilt Lily Font, the palace said. The font was made. for the christening in 1840 of Princess Victoria, the eldest child of Queen Victoria, and it has been used to haptise Queen Elirabeth's four children and grande children. The christening robe has been worn by all royal babies since the baptism of Victoria's eldest son, Prince Albert Edward, in 1842.

cerely hope this visit will end with the expected results." Qian said. lations reached a low point in Qian agreed the relationship ahle for Vietnam's troop with1969 when they fought a brief had undergone a "qualitative drawal from Kampuchea." Falklands war veteran Seinel-

BUENOS AIRES (R) - Argentine army rebels Friday took control of the country's largest military base, refusing to recognise the authority of Commander in Chief Jose Dante Caridi and swearing allegiance to a right-

ing," an officer speaking from the Camp de Mayo army complex officer, who identified himself as

covernment.

Two weeks ago Caridi vetoed Seineldin's promotion to brigadier general and recommended he be relieved of active duty for a

side the base.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Soldiers in comhat dress, their

adequately explaining the proposal when it was introduced five weeks ago.

authorities said. Four people died instantly, while the fifth died

Friday morning at a hospital, officials said. The victims included

one of Abeygoonsekera's bodyguards and Devahandara Senar-

aine, vice president of the Sri Lanka People's Party, one of four

parties that form the alliance, officials said. It was the second

attack in less than a month on a campaign rally for Abeygoon-

sekera. On Nov. 17, suspected Sinhalese militants threw bombs at

a campaign meeting, killing three people and injuring 50. All three

candidates in the Dec. 19 presidential election have received death

threats from the People's Liberation Front, a radical Sinhatese

LUSAKA (AP) — Zambia Thursday hlamed South African agents

for two recent hombines which killed two civilians in the capital of

Lusaka. Secretary of State for Defence Alex Shapi said security

police believed the culprits were Zambians in the pay of Pretoria or

actual South African agents. The first blast was a car bomb which

went off last Friday night at a motel on the outskirts of Lusaka. The

car was owned by the African National Congress (ANC), the main

guerritla-backed movement fighting the white-led government in

South Africa. One ANC member was killed and another injured.

DAR ES SALAAM (R) - Tanzania announced Thursday that it

has withdrawn the troops who were helping Mozambique fight

right-wing rebels. The Tanzanian troops, thought by Western

diplomats to number several thousand, had helped defend the

northern province of Zambeia since their deployment in 1987,

Several thousand Zimbabwean troops remain in Mozanthique to

defend the strategic road, railway and oil pipeline to Zimbabwe

from the Mozamhican port of Betra. The Tanzanian pull-out was

not announced in advance although it had been rumoured since

early November. Defence Ministry spokesman Major Cuni Zongo

Papandreou brings companion to summit

RHODES, Greece (R) - Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papan-

dreou defied critics Thursday when he flew to a summit meeting on

the island of Rhodes with the airline stewardess who has become

his companion in recent months. Papandreou, 69, facing a political

crisis, has been pilloried in several Greek newspapers for his

relationship with 34-year-old Dimitta Liant. But she was with him

when he stepped from the aircraft which brought him to Rhodes.

where he will be the host at two days of European Economic

Community (EEC) summit talks. As well as criticism of his private

life, the prime minister faces opposition allegations that his socialist

government, in office since 1981, mishandled a banking scandal.

And some government members have been sacked or have had to

told Reuters it was completed in November.

resign in recent days.

Tanzania recalls Mozambique troops

group demanding the government's resignation.

Zambia blames Pretoria for blasts

MOSCOW (AP) - The Soviet Parliament adopted President Mikhail Gorbachev's overhaul of the nation's political structure Thursday in a nearly unanimous vote after he apologised for in-

Five deputies in the 1,500member Supreme Soviet, or parliament, voted against the package of constitutional amendments, which give more power to the president and provide for

sold for \$37.62 million to a Japanese huyer in a London auction last week. It was a world record price for a 20th century work of Parliament adopts Gorbachev reforms

- Pablo Picasso's "Acrobats and Young Harlequio," which was

indirect election of the president and lawmakers.

While greater opposition had been expected after deputies requested numerous changes in the complex package, the handful of negative votes were a rarity in the Supreme Soviet, which has dutifully rubber stamped the wishes of the Kremlin leadership for

Gorbachev told the deputies a storm of controversy over the reform package. — including 250,000 letters to the Kremlin —

he took the hlame. "We did not care about explaining the essence, the meaning" of the changes, Gorbachev said. "The centre was just follow-

ing the old practice, thinking, well, they would get used to it. "That is why I reiterate all of us are now learning our lessons. All

of us are in a school of democracy, and we should he good pupils in that school," Gorbachev said.

government councils he given Soviet newspapers first pub-lished the draft language of the ministries stronger powers over Moscow

NEW DELHI (R) - Two Sikhs convicted in the 1984 assassination of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi won a temporary reprieve Thursday 14 hours be-

ecuted.

security jail Friday morning. highest judicial body, the surreme court, minutes before it was to adjourn for the day.

The supreme court agreed to Security forces throughout

SEOUL (R) - A self-awwed

In January Kim Yon-Hui, 2h.

powerful spy organisation.

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Prosecution sources said Kim "Mayumi" after the name shown was expected to be returned to on the false Japanese passport the NSP after questioning. It was

The government once considered not prosecuting her hecause it regarded her as just a "puppet" of the communist leadership in Pyongyang. Authorities finally decided to put her on trial for fear of international protests and angry reaction from victims' relatives, the sources said, They said that although Kim

South Koreans.

COLOMBO (AP) - Sinhalese militants trying to topple the government of this troubled island nation attacked a presidential campaign rally, killing five people and injuring 25 others, authorities said. Eleven gunmen opened fire and thew small bombs Thursday night in suburban Colombo during a rally for Ossig Abeygoonsekera, a candidate of the United Socialist Alliance.

Five killed in Sri Lanka blast

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